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COMANCHE, COMANCHE COUNTY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 21, 1917

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LOCAL BOARD SENDS
SIXTY-FIVE MEN TO
COAST ARTILLERY DIV.

Train at Comanche on the 19th;
Go to Fort McArthur at
Los Angeles, Cal.

Another lot of choice young men
of the county were sent to the Na-
tional Army Training Camps on
Wednesday, Dec. 19., leaving at
3:30 via the Frisco.

These young men represent the
fourth increment sent from Com-
anche and were sent to Fort Mc-
Arthur, California, where they
will go into the coast artillery di-
vision.

Notifications were sent out last
Friday to those men who had been
excepted for military service to
be present at 8:30 a. m. Wednes-
day, and accordingly practically
the entire number reported for du-
ty and from these 65 were chosen.

At one o'clock the boys and
their friends assembled in the dis-
trict court room where they were
addressed by Judge J. H. Arnold
and H. N. Goodson prior to their
departure.

At the appointed time the boys
marched to the train where, amid
the cheers of friends and relatives
they started their long journey to
Los Angeles, Cal.

Those sent were as follows:

E. S. Carwile, Captain
Edgar Jenkins
Henry Rainey
James Southall
James A. Vinson
Eddie T. Riardon
A. B. Kennedy
Lee Lester
W. D. Chapman
Ivy C. Bender
W. F. Cornelius
M. L. Loudermilk
G. L. Floyd
H. C. Applewhite
Luther G. Cleary
G. Coley
R. L. McKelvy
J. B. Jones
Robert Vaughn
Richard Massingill
Emmett Luker
M. E. Stephens
M. G. Herring
Robert H. Davenport
N. E. Payne
A. O. Lassiter
Percy Parker
J. S. Tyson
Elmer St. Clair
O. C. Pitts
Robert N. Phelps
Alfred L. Truitt
J. E. Burt
C. S. Hughes
O. C. Smith
Robert E. Morrison
I. D. Frazier
E. F. Bean
Claude Nichols
L. E. McKamey
A. C. Underwood
H. F. Eaton
R. Carroll
K. F. Smith
L. Rice
H. C. Smith
S. A. Dupriest
Andrew Weaver
H. E. White
J. L. Jones
H. C. McGlothlin
E. W. Burleson
N. McQuatters
C. B. Redwine
Tom H. Douglas
G. E. Abernathy
A. N. Whitlock
E. Tinney
H. B. Brown
J. L. Woodfin
E. V. Loudermilk
H. H. Pitts
Ruben Holmes
Roy Barker

Kodakery at The

Christmas Greetings



To all those who have assisted us during the year, either by their
subscription, patronage or contributions; we wish to express our hearty
appreciation of your kindness.

*So may all your days be Christmas
Days filled with the great Christmas gift
from God, of love, from you to others and
from all the world to you.*

The Chief-Exponent

By W. H. Carpenter, Editor

NEW TRAFFIC ORDINANCE GOES INTO EFFECT

Will be Big Benefit to City When
Understood.

The new City Ordinance on the
traffic subject which goes into ef-
fect on Friday of this week is one
of rather unusual importance in
the fact that every vehicle that
stops on the square will be more
or less affected.

That part of the ordinance which
provides that no vehicles be stop-
ped within 25 feet of the side-
walks around the square or on the
streets leading from the square
and within one block of the square
for a longer time than ten minutes,
is particularly important to all
drivers of any kind of vehicles.

The object of the ordinance on
this point is to provide a 25 foot
driveway in front of the stores
and business places. The hitching
of horses at the curb and the park-
ing of cars near the curb have
brought about a condition such

that people cannot drive up to the
sidewalks to load wagons or to
make purchases, and it is the pur-
pose of the ordinance to remedy
this condition.

As soon as people become ac-
customed to stopping their vehi-
cles twenty-feet from the curb it
will be as easy to do so as it is
now to drive up to the curb before
stopping.

All drivers of any kind are ur-
ged to take notice of this provision
and to hereafter stop their vehicles
at the proper place.

AUTO OWNERS MUST REG- ISTER CARS BY JAN. 1st

Auto Tax Must Be Paid By That
Date.

Auto owners must, without fail,
register their cars by Jan. 1st with
the State Highway Department at
Austin, and the annual auto tax
must be paid by that date.

Necessary application blanks
can be secured from City Marshall

Cox and all car owners should at-
tend to this matter at once as the
time is very limited.

Owners will not be given new
numbers this year, as we under-
stand it, but they will receive new
"red seals" which must be on the
auto showing the year the regis-
tration has been paid to.

CAPT. L. G. WHITE TO BE INSTRUCTOR AT LEON SPGS.

Honor is a Coveted one Among
Officers.

According to press dispatches
as well as private information,
Capt. L. G. White Commanding
Co. H 144th Infantry, has been ad-
vanced to the position of Instruc-
tor in the Third Officers Training
Camp at Leon Springs to which
place he will be transferred on
January 1st.

The new position to which Capt.
White has been appointed is one
that is coveted by army officers be-

cause it is a recognition of ability
as a military man on the part of
the man advanced.

In our recent visit to Camp
Bowie we observed one thing
quite palpable and that was that
Capt. White was perhaps the best
known and most popular Captain
at Camp Bowie.

Elsewhere we print a letter of
thanks from Capt White to the
ladies who, last week, sent cot-
ton comforts to Camp Bowie.

Contract Let for Big New Garage.

Just as the Stockman is ready
for press it is learned that the
contract has been let by Rob Mil-
ler to Geo. Sullivan of Comanche
for the big new Garage in Ozona.
Work will begin January 1st and
the approximate cost will be
\$17,000. More particulars next
issue.—Ozona Stockman.

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quarters for all kinds of chicken
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DRAFT BOARD BEGAN SENDING OUT QUESTION- NAIRES WED. DEC. 19

Confusion Due to Error Causes
Board to Start Irregularly;
Now Going Smoothly.

Tuesday the local board began
the sending out of the question-
naires. They were supposed to
have started on Sat. Dec. 16, but
owing to the fact that the envel-
opes failed to arrive in time they
were delayed.

The work of mailing out the
blanks began on Wednesday night
at which time the first 142 were
sent out. On Thursday there were
sent 100 of the questionnaires
and hereafter there will be sent
each day 121.

Owing to the lateness of the ar-
rival of the order to commence the
mailing out of the blanks we are
unable to give the names of those
who will receive the questionnaires
each day as was our intention, but
hereafter we will endeavor to do
so, making a complete report be-
fore the expiration of the time.

CONSOLIDATION OF BANKS HAS SENTIMENTAL SIDE

The consolidation of the Farm-
ers & Merchants Bank and the
First State Bank of Comanche, last
Thursday has a side not entirely
free from the sentimental as well
as of business importance.

Both these banks were promoted
by Mr. Anthony at different times
and he had been the head of each
of the institutions at different
times and the fact that he now be-
comes the head of the combined in-
stitutions is a rare tribute to the
regard with which the directors of
both institutions hold him.

Mr. Anthony promoted the Farm-
ers & Merchants Bank on a small
scale at the beginning a good many
years ago, and the fact that it soon
developed into a strong institution
shows that Mr. Anthony was a
banker of ability. The F. & M.
Bank later was under the charge
of Ned Holman, W. B. Cunning-
ham and W. J. Cunningham who
was cashier of the institution at
the time of the consolidation.

Mr. Anthony's reputation in the
handling of the F. & M. Bank was
so that when he started to organ-
ize the First State Bank everyone
realized that the bank would be a
success from the very first day.

The consolidation of the two
banks makes a very strong insti-
tution, both from a standpoint of
financial strength and capable
management and we unhesitating-
ly predict for it a continued
growth.

CAMP BOWIE SOLDIER DIES AT HOME OF HIS PARENTS

Arthur Hughes of the Hazeldell
community passed away at the
home of his parents there last Sat-
urday and was buried there last
Sunday.

He was in the army and sta-
tioned at Camp Bowie, Texas, to
which he had been transferred from
Camp Travis. He had taken the measles
from which he had partly recov-
ered when he came home on a
furlough.

The trip home was more than he
could stand and a relapse caused
the young man's death.

We sincerely regret to hear of
the untimely end of this excellent
young man who was in his coun-
try's service at the time he con-
tracted the disease that proved fa-
tal.

Just arrived, a car load of
Shorts at Herring & Moody's.

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LOOKING AFTER THEIR INTERESTS. People are urged to eat more Whale Steak as a means of food conservation. We have never tasted tenderloin of whale but we are sure that as soon as this move gains alittle impetus that there will be an organization formed in West Texas to ask the government to locate a whale fishery somewhere between San Angelo and Amarillo. Those West Texans believe in looking after their interests. Abilene may become a contender.

ACCEPT OUR THANKS. We wish to extend our thanks to the secretaries and clerks of the various lodges of the county for sending in the returns of the annual elections. This is a news item that all lodge goers of the county are always interested in and in which the friends of those honored lodge members are interested in. We are always glad to give this news, but of course we must have the co-operation of the various secretaries to be able to give it and we wish to thank all such secretaries and clerks for their co-operation.

LET US SERVE YOU. How will we know whether our questionnaires have been mailed to us? This was the question asked by many of the registrants when told that failure to receive questionnaires would cause the registrants to lose all rights to deferred classification. Let The Chief-Exponent solve that question for you. We will carry each week the names of those to whom the questionnaires will be mailed, and you can watch our columns and tell whether they have been mailed to you or not. We urge you to subscribe today and be on the list when you want the information. Our rates are \$1.00 per year, or 50 cents for six months. You cannot afford to be without this information for the price of a subscription. See your postmaster, he will attend to the subscription for you.

IN APOLOGY. We misled some of our readers last week by announcing the fact that the questionnaires were to be sent out on Saturday, Dec. 15. We regret this but it was in no way to be helped. It was the plan of the board to start sending out questionnaires on that date and at the hour we went to press there was no reason why the plans would not be carried out, but the failure of the envelopes to arrive for the mailing out prevented the sending out of the questionnaires. We went to great trouble to get the information as to who would receive the questionnaires and the dates on which they would be mailed in an effort to inform those interested as to when to look out for their questionnaires, but the paper had gone into the mail before the board learned that they would be unable to send them out.

ANNOUNCING OUR PLATFORM WHEN WE BECOME A CANDIDATE. It is a little previous to make platform pledges for future races but we are taking this occasion to announce one of the planks of our platform when the Editor becomes a candidate for Mayor. We promise the public that we will have erected upon the public square a commodious tabernacle under which all the political and religious arguments now generally held on the side walks may be held. We do this to catch the women votes of the city for we believe the good ladies who have been forced for the past half a century to get off the sidewalk into the street and wade through filth in order that some jaw-worker can have the sidewalk on which to give his interpretations of the Holy Writ or some clause of

our fundamental law, will support us in this measure. Ample cuspidor space will be provided in said tabernacle to receive "ambeer" now wasted on the public streets. Soft pine sticks will be distributed daily on which those who do not care to argue but merely listen may wear out their "barlows" and at the same time conserve awning and telephone posts. We earnestly solicit the support of the friends of the measure and challenge all opponents to a series of "joint discussions" upon the question, said discussion to be held each day from eleven a. m. to six p. m. in front of the various business houses, all hearers being requested to sit in the doorways.

BUY A PAPER MR. A first-class daily paper should go into the home of every family in Comanche county. We recommend as such to our friends The Fort Worth Star-Telegram. It is a paper the price of which is within the reach of any family. It is a thoroughly newsy paper. It is accessible to the people on the rural routes for it gets into this county in time to go out on the routes, so that the rural dweller knows the news of the day as soon as his town friend. In addition to this it is a paper of the very highest type from every standpoint, being editorially clean and free from prejudices while its news gathering forces are accurate and complete, thus assuring its readers of reliability. Buy a paper Mr. The price for one year is \$5.65 or with The Chief-Exponent both one year \$6.15.

A DUTY TO OURSELVES. We are at war. The world is at war. Events of greater magnitude are happening today than ever before in the history of this generation. Every man owes it to himself and to his family to take papers sufficient to keep posted in regard to the world situation. The problem can scarcely be solved in any manner than by subscribing for a first class daily paper. We are offering from now until January 1st The Fort Worth Star-Telegram for one year for \$5.65 or The Chief Exponent and Fort Worth Star-Telegram, each, one year for \$6.15. This forms an ideal combination for any man in the country and the price is within the reach of all. We urge our subscribers to take advantage of this offer and prepare for their reading matter for the year while they can make a neat saving in their subscription rates.

LET THEM HANG THEIR HEADS IN SHAME. Recently a lady soliciting funds for a soldier welfare work reported that in a certain place young men had made slurring remarks about her being engaged in the work. They were young men who are not immediately subject to military service for certain reasons. Their kind never volunteer. They will stay far enough from the front that they will not be in any immediate danger. This lady is a Southern woman. These men were Southern born. The tradition of our Southern fathers places any man who would wantonly to be rude to a woman in the class of "trash." That tradition places them rightly. War work is necessary. It largely falls upon the women. Our women—Southern women—have been quick to respond to the call for their services. Had these young men been as quick to respond they would already be on the battle front in the defense of their mothers and their homes. Perhaps the women who are soliciting in this work are not tactful in approaching those whose aid they ask but it comes of the fact the work that they are engaged in is new to them and a man that is Southern born or Texas born who in these circumstances would be abrupt to a lady should, when they face their mother or sister in their homes hang their heads in shame of their conduct to some other man's mother or sister. A vocabulary void of profanity is inadequate to express our opinion of such people. But when we hear of such instances there is an itching feeling inside us that makes us want to kick the trousers of such without waiting for them to be moved out of.

QUITE A COMPLIMENT. S. C. Findley, traveling representative for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram this week received the following letter from Harold Hugh, circulation manager of that paper: Mr. S. C. Findley,

Traveling Representative Star-Telegram.

Comanche, Texas.

Dear Sir: Your report of Saturday, Dec. 15, is the biggest one day's report ever sent to this company by one man representing any single day's work.

This is saying a good deal for we have had some whooper mails this season.

Always with very best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

By Harold Hough, Circulation Manager.

This is a distinct compliment for our fellow townsman, for his labors during that week was in this section where the drouth has lessened the incomes of many of the people and many more have moved away.

The Star-Telegram is a growing paper. The men shaping its policies are live wires. Mr. Hough has made the best record as a circulation manager in the South. His assistants are capable men. Mr. Hough gives his lieutenants their just credits. Mr. Findley won a commendation and he received it. Congratulations Mr. Findley on your work. Congratulations Mr. Hough on your choice of men. Congratulations to The Star-Telegram on the services of Mr. Hough.

FRIVOLITY

He Recognized Her

"You don't know me, do you, Bobby?" asked a lady, who had recently been baptized.
"Sure I do," piped the youth.
"You're the lady what went in swimming with the preacher last Sunday."—Awgwan.

Working the Market

"My wife watches the sugar market closely."
"Speculating?"
"In a small way. She borrows when it's high and pays back when it's low."—Kansas City Journal.

A Bit Heady

Presiding Genius: What is the charge against Private Jones?
Sergeant: If yer plaze, 'e's been drunk, an' 'e's been breakin' things, an' he won't obey no orders. In fact, 'e's been behavin' ginrally as though 'e wuz the bloomin' colonel himself!—Southern Woman's Magazine.

Scriptural Rain

Farmer Hayrick: Mighty wet rain, hain't it, squire?
Squire Grouch: Ever hear of rain that wasn't wet, you idiot?
Farmer Hayrick: Yes, I did. Accordin' to Scriptur, it once rained fire and brimston, by gosh!—Southern Woman's Magazine.

A Question of Punctuation

Charles Alma Byers, the magazine writer, who himself acknowledges that he was once the editor of a country newspaper in a small Missouri town, tells the following:

"You can do some wonderful things with a few little punctuation marks. Here, for instance, is an illustration: The editor of a country weekly in a small town in Kansas, near the Missouri line, published in one of his issues the story of a little girl who asked for paper and pencil with which to write a letter to God. The girl's letter was brief. It read: 'Good-bye, God; we're going back to Missouri.'"

"The editor of another weekly in a town just across the border in Missouri, reprinted the story, but with the statement that, while the wording of the little girl's letter had been quoted correctly, there evidently had been a mistake made intentionally or otherwise, in punctuation. 'This he said, is what the girl intended: "Good! By God, we're going back to Missouri!"'—The National Monthly.

Preparedness

A young man who, during his brief career, had never been required to do very much labor at home, enlisted for the present war, and is now in a training camp "Somewhere in America." A few days ago his mother received a letter from him in which he said that he had never worked so hard in his life, that he had been doing kitchen work, making beds, washing and drying dishes, etc., and that when he returned from the war he would make some fellow in California the very best wife there ever was.—Los Angeles Times.

False Alarm

"Wasn't it cold last night?"
"Cold? Why, I was awakened by the noise of my wife's teeth chattering on the bureau."—Boston Transcript.

Miscalled

"Any complaints, corporal?" asked the colonel, making, one morning, a personal inspection.
"Yes, sir. Taste that, sir," said the corporal.
"Why," the colonel said, "that's the best soup I ever tasted."
"Yes, sir," said the corporal, "and the cook wants to call it coffee."—Boston Transcript.

Honest

A certain rector, just before the service, was called to the vestibule to meet a couple who wanted to be married. He explained that there wasn't time for the ceremony then. "But," said he, "if you will be seated I will give you an opportunity at the end of the service for you to come forward, and I will

Always Have PERUNA

Mrs. L. A. Patterson, 1399 Kentucky St., Memphis, Tennessee, writes:

"I have been a friend of Peruna for many years. I have used it off and on for catarrhal complaints and found it a very excellent remedy. I have a small family of children. Times are hard with us, but I can scarcely afford to do without Peruna, especially during the season of the year when coughs and colds are prevalent. We always recommend Peruna to our neighbors, for the benefit it has been to us."

For Coughs and Colds in the Home. Recommend It to Our Neighbors.

Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.

WARNING!

Fireworks Prohibited During Holidays.

It is a violation of the City Ordinance for any person to shoot or discharge any skyrockets, Roman candles or fire crackers upon any of the streets or public square of this city without the permission of the Mayor.

It is time that all of us come to a full realization of the fact that our country is at war, that every department of the Government, both State and Nation is moving under a high tension to produce and conserve in order that our country and our allies may prosecute the war to a speedy and successful end. In spite of all efforts that have been made, foodstuffs the value of twelve million dollars have been destroyed by fire between May 1st and October 15th of this year. More than a million dollars of this loss occurred in Texas. Every fire cracker that explodes, every sky rocket or roman candle fired into the night carries a streak of fire and scatters sparks which might fall into a barn, warehouse, cotton gin, compress, cotton yard, or other storage place where it might smother for hours and then burst into a conflagration. Carrying with it a lot of material badly needed by our soldiers and our allies. During the holidays these laws will be strictly enforced.

W. W. Cox, City Marshal
J. R. Eanes, Mayor.

That Grim White Spectre
Pneumonia, follows on the heels of a neglected cough or cold. Delay no longer. Take Mansfield's Cough Balsam. Price 50c and \$1.00.

Merry Christmas



BIG LINE OF FINE CANDIES, ORANGES AND APPLES AND ALL THE "GOODIES" THAT MAKE CHRISTMAS TIMES HAPPY.

Dexter Walling

NORTH SIDE SQUARE.

A Merry Christmas A Happy New Year To You is My Wish

I will appreciate your Holiday Tailoring Trade and will give your work the same careful expert attention that has marked my long tailoring career in Comanche.

GILLE, The Tailor

NORTH SIDE SQUARE



TO THE ALLIED ARMIES

A Merry Christmas to you, boys, wherever you may be—
In trench, in camp, in hospital, in battery, at sea!
Stream out your banners to the foe! And may they not be furled
Until you've made the next a Merry Christmas for the world!

Christmas Tree For the Birds

Mrs. Song Sparrow, the Cocker, Cock Robin, Miss Jennie Woodpecker and other of the feathered Four Hundred were lured by warm days at one winter into stopping only to find themselves sadly by the high cost of living, and in a flutter of excitement issued by Miss Louise of Sands Point, N. Y., to a Christmas tree party.

held in the bird sanctuary on a place, near the commodi- built for bird tenants in a elm there. The tree was ever.

little Miss Louise was busy ses of her lessons, stringing



Birds' Christmas Tree.

popcorn, nuts and other oved of birds. Strings of apples, cut into tiny pieces for birds to peck at, were feature of the decorations, bacon rinds and lumps of are good to keep warmth bodies when the cold creeps feathered coats.

se, who spent most of her country, studied the ways and their likings, and she ey are as strongly attract- colored things as are chil- is why the tree was made ay tinted berries.

a large attendance, and e turned away, no matter their coats or disreputable ions. The blustering little rows were welcomed with ough they tried to bully ven grouchy old Sir Crow ed to peck a bit.

Spanish Santa Claus.

however, it is not Santa ne of the three kings, no a, indeed, than Balthasar, purveyor of gifts. He is eated as a negro, even s of the old masters, and rives in Spanish legend. f the Epiphany the chil- ir shoes and boots out in ent spot near the chim- hem laden with gifts in Boots, in fact, preceded everywhere, the superior f the latter as a recep- een a recent discovery. o this day the children s an extra fine polish on all them with hay, oats nta Claus' white horse e the table or set them The room is then and the door locked. ar a strange thing is occurred. The furniture topay turvy, the fodder ved from the shoes, and a good little children find ice things and the bad made of birch. In ood- skets, dishes and wood- nde the receptacles. But of the stockings, its d the fact that, while e "Miranda" of the

owner like a shoe, it may yet be clean- ed and made ready for the reception of edible presents—these characteris- tics have caused it to grow into general favor among the juvenile votaries of Santa Claus.

Derived From Days of Yore.

It is a beautiful arrangement and de- rived from the days of yore that this festival, which commemorates the an- nouncement of the religion of peace and love, has been made the season for gathering together of family con- nections and drawing closer again those bands of kindred hearts which the cares and pleasures and sorrows of the world are continually operating to cast loose, of calling back the children of a family who have launched forth in life and wandered widely asunder, once more to assemble about the paternal hearth, that rallying place of the affections, there to grow young and loving again.—Washington Irving.

500 RED CROSS MEMBERS IN FIRST TWO DAYS

You didn't think it could be done, did you? But that is a bare beginning—one tenth of what Comanche county is asked for by Christmas Eve. Hearts and dollars will do it—fifteen million members in America by January 1, 1918. Have you joined yet? Don't think it can be done without you. Those first five hundred were the easiest to get. Many of them came vol- untarily without solicitation. Per- haps most of those who had made up their minds to join have al- ready done so. More must make up their minds—they must do it now. Thousands and hundreds of thousands of American soldiers are being paired into France. Plans for their care and comfort and medical attention for them are al- ready being carried out. The need is immediate and urgent. Your boy or your friend is among the number who will reach France within the next few months. Un- less you send your dollar ahead of him he may suffer for warm cloth- ing or hospital attention. You can not furnish him attention yourself "over there" but you can help the Red Cross do it. Let the boys at the front know you care. There are several booth on the square where you may pay your dollar and get your membership certi- ficate. By all means do not let Christmas Eve find you a Red Cross Slackers.

A Junior Red Cross Auxiliary is being organized at the high school building in Comanche. Every student has pledged a 25 cent junior membership. They will sew, knit and do all kinds of Red Cross work. Other schools of the county should follow this lead.

More workers are needed at the work room. Don't let the Christ- mas rush of work take all your time—save some for our boys. It is requested that knitting instruc- tions that have been given out be returned as they are needed for other workers.

A womanless wedding will be staged by the local chapter on Dec. 28. This will be the funniest comedy farce ever presented in Comanche. The participants—bride, bridesmaids, flower viris and all will be men—prominent men of the town. They will be dressed in evening gowns, vests, etc., like a real wedding. You can't miss it—you will laugh until it hurts.

Children under twelve 25 cents adults 35 cents. Dec. 28. Friday after Christmas—High School Au- ditorium.

Kodaks to Loan.

Films developed free; prints 2, 3, and 4c. Mail orders given special attention. Leave Films at the Wm. Reese Drug Store or mail to Luther Dixon, the Kodak Man, Comanche, Texas.

We are closing out a big stock of Boys' and Girls' Books at re- duced prices. See them at The Wm. Reese Co.

When His Whip Goes Crack

OUR good St. Nick is on his way;
His prancing steeds are near.
We hear the sound of the sil- ver bells;
His sleigh is almost here.
A load of gifts is stored for all
Securely in his pack,
For he travels like the light- ning
When his whip goes crack!

So hang your stockings, large and small,
Convenient in a row,
For they will look so tempt- ing when
They're filled from top to toe.
Our generous saint will never fail;
He has a curious knack
Of giving right good measure
When his whip goes crack!
—John H. Cook in St. Nich- olas.

LETTER FROM DR. CURLEE

Dear Comanche Friends:
This Christmas will find us set- tled in a new pastorate and in the process of forming new friendship and adjusting ourselves to new duties.

But we have not forgotten nor will we forget our loyal and true friends in Comanche. On a mom- ent's reflection they seem dearer to us than we realized when we had the pleasure of being in their midst and laboring with them.

We are happy in the prospects that lie out before us for a useful service in our new field. The peo- ple here are responsive to our sug- gestions and there is every indi- cation that our labors with them are to be crowned with the bless- ings of our blessed Lord.

Bro. Jenkins, our Associational Missionary, is doing great work here and we shall have fine fellow- ship together in the work.

We look over the papers eager- ly each week to see what is hap- pening in the Comanche churches. We are praying the Lord to send to Comanche a worthy leader for the First Baptist church. We count it a high privilege to have known and labored with many of the true Christians of other faiths there.

As we think over the long list of those we love and to whom we long to write our hearts go out in tenderness to them. But it is not practicable for us to write per- sonal letters to them all, so we are sending this word to the Com- anche papers in whose columns we have appeared with so many heart messages. And we thank them again for their many courtesies to us.

We wish you all a Christmas spent in a way that will behon- oring to our Master. We wish for you a new year overflowing with His blessings. God bless you all.
Bro. and Sister Curlee,
Pittsburg, Texas.
Our Christmas Message.

COMANCHE COUNTY STEERS BRING FANCY PRICE

W. H. Burton of near Comanche shipped on Monday a car of steers that he had fed out that brought him \$106.47 per head on the mar- ket at Fort Worth. The steers averaged 1014 lbs per head and sold for 10½ cents per pound.

In discussing the matter Mr. Burton traced his good fortune back to the terracing work that he did last winter. Here is the way he reasons. He terraced a farm that was perhaps the largest sin- gle piece of work of that kind ever done in the county. On this land in spite of the fact that the drouth was so severe Mr. Burton managed to raise enough maize to feed out these two cars of steers, and ac- cording to his calculations had he not done the terracing he would not have raised sufficient maize to have fed out the cattle.

At any rate the record is one of which Mr. Burton may well feel proud for his steers must indeed have been high grade stock to have brought the price they did.

For good lump coal at \$6.50 per ton phone J. C. Henderson at The Chief-Exponent Office, phone No. 2.

THREE MEMBERS OF FAMILY HELPED

Tanlac Proves Revelation to Booth Family—Wife gains 18 pounds.

"When my wife first started on Tanlac she weighed only ninety-five pounds and when she finished her third bottle she tipped the beam at one hundred and thirteen said F. L. Booth of 201 Furnish Avenue, San Antonio and, while remarkable, it is only one of many hundreds of wonderful endorse- ments that have been published in connection with the "Master Medicine."

"For six years," he continued, "my wife was in a general run- down condition and had no appe- tite. She couldn't eat meats and many other things and the gas on her stomach made her heart flutter and it seemed like at times she would almost smother to death. She was constipated all the time, had awful headaches and backache. She lost weight and got so weak and nervous she could hardly sleep.

"I bought Tanlac for her be- cause I read and heard so much about it and I'll tell anybody it's good medicine, and I don't believe there's anything can come up to it. When my wife finished her third bottle she could eat anything without it hurting her and sleep every night like a log. Her head- aches, nervousness and backache were all gone and she had actually gained eighteen pounds. I have two little girls, eleven and fourteen years old, who took Tanlac; too and they just want to eat up every- thing. I can't begin to tell how much Tanlac has been worth to my family and I believe there are lots of other people here who could get relief if they would only give Tanlac a fair trial."

"Tanlac is sold in Comanche by Hamilton Drug Co., in DeLeon by T. P. Weaver & Son, in Proctor by Dingle & Luker, in Sipe Springs by Smith's Drug Store, in Duster by Tomlin Drug Co., in Sidney by E. A. Chastain, in Wilson by W. M. Redwine, in Lamkin by Car- michael & Cayle, in Gustine by I. Sadler, and in Beattie by A. Clem- ents."

We have this week received a full car of Shorts and will sell same at lowest price.
Slider & Lacy.

Don't fail to see the display of Kodakery at The Wm. Reese Co.

Sross Timbers.

Health of this community is good at this writing.

Maurice Henry and Elmer Mc- Curdy were in Dublin Monday.

Jimmie Porterfield and Matt Hayes were at trades day Mon- day.

Miss Maude Stailey visited her sister Saturday night and Sun- day.

Mrs. Fannie Porterfield is at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Gilbreath of the Edna Hill community.

Austin Bettis will leave for Camp Bowie today. He has been visiting home folks of the Edna Hill community.

Will T. Goudy who has been off picking cotton has returned.

Mrs. Bertha Vann is spending part of the week with home folks.

Preston Hancock and family vis- ited relatives near Stephenville last week.

Roy Hayes and wife spent Sun- day night at Dublin at the home of Lintin Whitfield and family.

Mr. McKelvey and son, Dolphus, of Proctor, spent Monday after- noon with Will McKelvey.

Gracie Bettis and children spent Sunday with Frank Cox and fam- ily.

A party was enjoyed by all pres- ent at William Hancock's Satur- day night.

Too much sweet stuff puts the stomach out of order. A dose of Prickly Ask Bitters corrects the trouble, restores appetite and good digestion. Price \$1.25 per bottle. The Wm. Reese Co., Special Agents.

If it is a pipe, The Wm. Reese Co. have it.

YOU'VE LONG WANTED
The good old home-made kind of pure Ribbon Cane Syrup. We have it in barrels. Bring your jug to The Cash Store.

The latest designs in Stationery at The Wm. Reese Co.

A Solicitation

Upon the basis of expert workmanship and prompt service I solicit your Holiday tailoring of any kind.

BOB STANTON



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

We failed to get our notes to the printer last week, owing to the press of work, and so failed to tell of the splendid services which was conducted by the Woman's Missionary Society. This society was conducted by Mrs. W. B. Sharp, local secretary of the so- ciety, being assisted by 18 mem- bers of the local society. The program consisted of special music rendered by this choir of 18 fe- male voices, an inspiration within itself, then the devotional service added much to the program. Then followed an open discussion of the objections usually offered by those who do not believe in missionary work, which happily ended with all becoming convinced that mis- sion work is the Lord's way of carrying the Gospel to all the world.

This was the greatest service we have ever had since we have been here as pastor of the church. It will long be remembered and its

CHICHESTER PILLS

DIAMOND BRAND
LADIES!
Ask your Druggist for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. TAKE NO OTHER. Buy of your Druggist and ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for twenty-five years regarded as Best, Safest, Always Reliable.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS
TIME TRIED EVERYWHERE WORTH TESTED.

influence and impression will be eternal.

We are to have "Special Ser- vices" Sunday, Special music has been arranged for, and we will preach special Christmas sermons at both morning and evening ser- vices. We are making a big drive for a Christmas offering for the Orphans this week. Sunday is to be the climax for this effort. We have reserved space on our Christ- mas tree for the Orphans.
Samuel H. Austin, Pastor.

Immediate Attention
should be given to sprains, swell- ings, bruises, rheumatism and neuralgia. Keep Mansfield's Magic Arnica Liniment handy on the shelf. Three sizes—25c, 50c and \$1.00.

If it is not an Eastman it is not a Kodak. The Wm. Reese Co.

Good as New Mattress for \$1.50.

We can remake your old mat- tress so it will be as good as new for \$1.50, and will call for and deliver same. All work positive- ly guaranteed.
(15-18) Atwood Brothers.

STORAGE BATTERIES

We sell storage batteries.
We charge storage batteries.
We rent storage batteries.
We rebuild storage batteries.
(15-18) Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

A Bargain in Furniture.

You will find many bargains in brand new Furniture in our stock.
(15-18) Atwood Brothers.

Theres Something Here for Everyone

Free Jewelry

With every purchase of \$1.00 or more will give free one set gold filled beauty pins.
With every purchase of \$1.00 or more cut glass, free a beautiful cut glass basket.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HIM

Watch Chains
Watch Charms
Smoking Sets
Vacuum Bottles
Belts and Belt Buckles
Match Boxes
Cigar Lighters
Collar Buttons
Cuff Buttons
Stick Pins
Fancy Knives
Fountain Pens
Silver Pencils
Rings, set and emblem
Tie Clasps
Auto Clocks
Wrist Watches

FOR HER

Mesh Bags
Coin Purses
Vanities
Loveliers
Cameo Brooches
Bracelet Watches
Hat Pins
Umbrellas
Fits All
Pestoons
Watch Chains
Rings, plain and set
Bar Pins
Bracelets
Tattooing Schmilies
Picture Frames
Cut Glass
Ivory Novelties
Manicure Sets
Silverware
Fountain Pens
Shears

Our stock is complete, quality and prices guaranteed don't fail to see us.

\$16.00 will buy you the best phonograph bargain on the market, we solicit comparison.

Reese & McCarty

Jewelers and Opticians at Wm. Reese Drug Co.

KEYS

We want to buy all your Christmas turkeys and other produce. Comanche Produce Co.

TURKEYS

Governors of 5 States Appeal to Citizenship of Southwest to Enroll in Red Cross Ranks

We, the Governors of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, realizing the imperative necessity for united effort to shorten and win this most righteous of all wars, appeal to the citizenship of the Southwest to enroll itself in the ranks of the American Red Cross.

During the week of Dec. 17 the American Red Cross will add ten million new members to its roll of patriotic, self-sacrificing, determined Americans. Men, munitions and the spirit of the great American Red Cross will preserve those ideals for which we are fighting and secure a just and lasting peace. The service which the Red Cross is rendering and will render throughout the duration of the war is of incalculable value. It is not less an army than the army in khaki which will impose itself between us in our security and the deadly shell fire of the enemy. And the army in khaki will fight with greater vigor and enthusiasm in the knowledge that fifteen million American men and women stand behind it ready to relieve the suffering and anguish caused by the diabolic instruments of warfare and ready to protect the loved ones left at home.

The work done thus far by the American Red Cross in France and Belgium has stiffened the morale of the French soldiers and given them new heart by reason of its relief work among the civilian population of our allies. The suffering families of the soldiers are being ministered to by agents of mercy wearing the insignia of the Red Cross and the consciousness of this fact has strengthened the men in the trenches to bear the burden during the tedious period of our preparation. Every French, British or Belgian soldier retained in the trenches during this critical period means the saving of at least one American life. We must let our boys know that we are keeping guard over the homes which they are leaving and that the Red Cross stands ever ready to protect and safeguard the wives, mothers and children of the men who have gone to fight, in this the greatest struggle the world has ever known between autocracy and democracy. Membership in the American Red Cross is synonymous with good citizenship.

We urge every person, man, woman or child not now a member of this greatest of all humanitarian organizations, to become a member before Christmas eve and place in his window with a lighted candle behind it a red service flag as glorious emblem of the fact that the occupants of that house have enrolled in an army not less determined, not less ready to do their share than the army in khaki on whom we are relying so confidently. Join the American Red Cross, the most powerful ally of our fighting forces, during Christmas week, so that the announcement on Christmas morning of a membership of 15,000,000 may show to our enemies that we are a united and undivided people and that, therefore, our cause must prevail.

(Signed) F. D. GARDNER, Governor of Missouri.
ARTHUR CAPPER, Governor of Kansas.
R. L. WILLIAMS, Governor of Oklahoma.
WILLIAM P. HOBBY, Governor of Texas.
CHARLES H. BROUGH, Governor of Arkansas.

Christmas Tree.

There will be an old fashioned Christmas tree at the Presbyterian Church next Monday night. Everybody invited to attend and use the tree.

There will be in connection with the tree a box for the orphanage at Files Valley. Anyone wishing to remember the orphans can place gifts in the box.

Sunday.

Sunday, Dec. 23, the pastor of the Methodist church will preach both morning and night. The morning theme will be "The Christmas Spirit," and for the evening subject "Locating the Buzzards." Every member of the church is urged to be present at these services, and a hearty welcome is extended to all to come and worship with us.

John T. Ferguson, Pastor.

WELL KNOWN FORT WORTH BUSINESS MAN IS GIVEN SURPRISE

Mr. Custer Says, "I Never Used a Tonic in My Life that Gave Such Satisfactory Results as Pep Systemic Pills."

Mr. James F. Custer, proprietor of the Custer Printing Co., 906 E. Weatherford St., Fort Worth, has the following to say about Pep Systemic Pills:

"Noticing in the papers that Renfro had a new iron tonic called Pep Pills, I made up my mind that I would try one bottle. I have taken only one bottle of Pep Pills and wish to say that I have received fine results from that one bottle. I never used any proprietary medicine in my life that has given such satisfactory results and in such a short time, as Pep Pills. Another thing I liked about them is that they are easy to take and do not leave any disagreeable after effects like some preparations.

"My stomach trouble has left me entirely and I have a fine appetite and can now eat almost anything. I am feeling stronger and better now than I have for a long time. I heartily recommend Pep Pills to anyone and believe they are all that are claimed for them. I might add that I have gained five pounds in weight, too.

"I have taken a number of tonics, but none of them seemed to suit my case, as they never seemed to do much good. My blood has been in bad shape for several years, and I have tried many old-fashioned blood tonics to regain strength, but have never noticed any real benefit before taking these pills. But now I feel also like a different person and am glad to give Pep Pills the credit."

The above is only one of the many strong testimonials being received daily. Pep Pills will help you, too, if you are bothered from such troubles as constipation, nervousness, stomach trouble, boils, sleeplessness, loss of appetite, dizziness or any other such ailments that are caused by impure blood, a lazy liver or a generally run down system.

They are sold by Wm. Reese Drug Co., and at many other drug stores. Try a bottle today.

ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THESE PILLS.

STORAGE BATTERIES

We sell storage batteries.
We charge storage batteries.
We rent storage batteries.
We rebuild storage batteries.
(tf) Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

See the bargain counter for Boys' and Girls' Books at The Wm. Reese Co.



WALK RIGHT IN
AND
LOOK AROUND

The Christmas Spirit

IS MANIFEST

Everywhere

We wish to thank our many customers for their patronage of the past and solicit a large share of your future business.

That You May Enjoy
A Merry Christmas
and a

Prosperous 1918
is Our Wish

Burks Mercantile Co.

Comanche, Texas

MAY YOUR

Christmas be Merry

YOUR

New Year Prosperous

Wetzel's Barber Shop

Geo. C. Wetzel, Prop.

Send Santa Claus to the Front

You and your neighbors together may win a battle for America—you can SURELY help to save the lives of some of our boys. Great guns and many of them will do it. Squadrons of Tanks, moving steel forts, will do it. Help your country to buy them. Instead of giving gold pieces for Christmas, give this year United States War Savings Certificates. They are little \$5.00 Government Bonds bearing 4% COMPOUND interest. They cost \$4.12 during December.

They are better than gold, and when you buy them you aid your country. Won't you give them instead of gold pieces this Christmas?



First National Bank

OF COMANCHE

Capital & Surplus, \$120,000.00

BANK WITH US!

Celebrated Christmas With Biblical Play

MANY curious feasts arose in connection with the celebration of Christmas in early days. Thus the ass on which Balaam rode in the "Reims Mystery" won for the feast the title "Festum Asinorum," the feast of the asses. As it was celebrated in France, according to William Hone, it consisted almost entirely of dramatic show. On one occasion the clergy walked on Christmas day in procession, habited to represent the prophets and other characters.

Moses appeared in an alb and cope, with a long beard and a rod. David had a green vestment. Balaam, with an immense pair of spurs, rode on a wooden ass, which inclosed a speaker. There were also six Jews and six gentiles. Among other characters the poet Vergil was introduced, singing monkish rhymes. They moved in procession through the body of the church chanting verses and conversing on the life of Christ till they came into the choir.

This service, as performed in the cathedral at Rouen, commenced with a procession in which the clergy represented the prophets of the Old Testament, who foretold the birth of Christ. Then followed Balaam mounted on the ass, Zacharias, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, the Sibyl, Mary, Joseph, Simon, Vergil, Nebuchadnezzar and the three prophets in the furnace.—Washington Post.

The most energetic workers feel lazy and low spirited at times. This condition is caused by impurities in the stomach, liver and bowels, which should be gotten rid of before they being on a sick spell. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters cleanses the system and sends new life and vigor to every part of the body. Price \$1.25 per bottle. The Wm. Reese Co., Special Agents.

The Catarrh That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine, and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 30c.

What is LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA A Digestive Liquid Laxative, Cathartic and Liver Tonic. Contains Cascara Bark, Blue Flag Root, Rhubarb Root, Black Root, May Apple Root, Senna Leaves and Pepsin. Combines strength with palatable aromatic taste. Does not gripe. 50c

PLAIN QUESTIONS TO COMANCHE PEOPLE

Every Comanche Reader Will Admit the Soundness of the Logic.

Would Comanche people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as they do if the medicine were not reliable? Would they confirm their statements after years have elapsed if their experiences did not show the remedy to be deserving of it? Statements like the following must carry conviction to the mind of every reader:

C. W. Carnes, retired farmer, Comanche, says: "The first symptom of kidney complaint in my case was a slight irregularity in the passages of the kidney secretions. Later, I suffered from a dull pain across the small of my back and a constant feeling of languor. I paid little attention to the trouble at first, thinking it would disappear, but I steadily grew worse and had to stop work. I had but little energy and there was an almost complete retention of the kidney secretions, especially when I got up in the morning. I also had rheumatic pains in my limbs. I tried various medicines, but continued to run down in health until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They brought great benefit."

Mr. Carnes gave the following statement OVER THREE YEARS LATER: "I still use Doan's Kidney Pills as I need them. I always get as good results." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Carnes has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

PURE RIBBON CANE SYRUP In barrels—the home-made kind—at The Cash Store.

Do You Want New Furniture.

If so let us trade you brand new Furniture for the old that you have. We can make your new furniture come almost without cost to you. (15-18) Atwood Brothers.

BRING YOUR JUG

Down to the Cash Store and get some real old-fashioned Ribbon Cane Syrup.

A CURIOSITY

M. B. White of Lanham, Tex., has a curiosity in the form of small bits of an airplane that fell from a wrecked machine. The machine fell near of Mr. White's brother, ton, Texas, and was considerably and his brother the two bits of wreck White.

These bits of wood are a rarity to us in this around the aviation are nothing out of the

ASTOUNDING REPLY FOR

The wife of a man with stomach trouble so bad that he could eat nothing but toast, water. Everything else and ferment. ONE buckthorn bark, glycerine mixed in Adler's kaolin. INSTANTLY. Because it flushes the ENTIRE tract it relieves ANY pain, sour stomach, prevents appendicitis. QUICKEST action of ever sold. M. W. C. gist.

Marriage License

Ollie Lassetter and Reed.
H. H. Hafford and May Nabors.
C. L. Chambers and Boen.
J. B. Smith and Locke.
Earl Bartlett and Gleaton.

WOMAN'S CASE

A business man's read or sew without her eyes. For years red and weak. Fine pure Lavoptik eye vult of ONE applied her. A small b is guaranteed to be CASE weak, strained eyes. ONE WAS with its quick eye cup FREE Proctor, Texa

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We Thank You for Past Custom. And Wish You

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST HAPPY NEW YEAR

You like good biscuits, don't you? And you like to see other folks enjoy them.

And you also love to make and serve good light bread, cakes and pastries.

And when you do serve them to your "folks," or your guests, you want to enjoy the satisfaction of knowing yourself, that there's none better made by anybody.

For perfect satisfaction you must use good flour—flour that hasn't been "killed" in milling, as is the case with some flour.

We would feel highly honored if you would try some of our Big Chief flour we grind personally by the wonderful "Midget" Marvel mill process, the most modern and only sanitary method known for making fine flour, thus assuring you perfect satisfaction in your baking and the serving of everything you bake.

Won't you try it, just once? If you are not entirely satisfied, we will give you your money back.

Thanking you in advance for trying our flour and with best wishes, we are

Most cordially yours,

Comanche Milling Co.

By J. P. Hoff

Copperas Prairie and Gap.

Gurley Graham has a genuine case of measles but is getting along nicely at this writing.

A. C. Jones, A. A. Hilley, K. D. Jones and Earl Johnson went to Brownwood Friday.

Mr. Myrick had an old fashioned sale Saturday; sold his house and kitchen furniture, and will leave soon for Alabama where he and family will make their future home.

Dr. J. O. Lane of Fluvanna is the guest of relatives here.

Miss Eula Lusk entertained with a musical Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurley Graham will be at home at the J. M. Vanleave place as soon as Gurley recovers of the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Lane spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Denney of Bibb.

Leo Wagon and wife are preparing to move to Oklahoma where the rivers flow with milk and honey.

J. F. Murphy and J. W. Vanleave had business at Comanche Friday.

C. J. Graham Jr. attended church at Cat Valley Sunday.

Rita, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. George, is reported as having chicken pox.

A number of the boys contemplate going to Comanche Wednesday, that they may get all the information possible in reference to the selective draft.

SURGEONS agree that in cases of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and Wounds, the **FIRST TREATMENT** is most important. When an **EFFICIENT** antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, **BOROZONE** is the **IDEAL ANTISEPTIC AND HEALING AGENT**. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Price 50c, \$1.00, and \$1.50. Sold by Smith.

Our First War-Christmas
Hard to wait for the postman's tramp
Up the snowy walk, for the hand

ITCH!
Hunt's Salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is especially compounded for the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ring worm, and Tetter, and is sold by the druggist on the strict guarantee that the purchase price, 75c, will be promptly refunded to any dissatisfied customer. Try Hunt's Salve at our risk. For sale locally by
THE WM. REESE CO.

that gropes

Deep in his pack, while the children tease
For the rainbow-ribboned packages.

And women wax faint with their fearful hopes

For those tattered, grimy envelopes

With the foreign stamp—

Word, dear word from overseas,

From the fleet, the trench, the camp.

Oh, not jewels nor curious toys

Of art and fashion, no gift most rare

Can gladden those eyes that weep in the hush

Of lonely nights, can bring the flush

To faces white with their silent prayer,

Like the letters, precious beyond compare,

From our soldier-boys—

Letters to laugh over, cry over, crush

To the lips—our Christmas joys.

—Ex.

The Meaning of the Christmas Lights

THE candles on the Christmas tree have a brighter meaning than mere gayety. Primarily they signify the Light that came into the world. "That was the true Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world," wrote St. John in the first chapter of his Gospel, says the New York Evening Sun.

Today the small, popular bayberry candle is very likely deduced from the Christmas candles that were burned in England from dawn till evening to safeguard from all evil the house during the year to come, and these candles, again, were lineal descendants of the great Yule candle placed to light the monster feast provided for the unusual appetites some people fancied than, as now, due on the 25th of December.

Not often possible in city homes of the present day are Yule logs, but sometimes in the country this custom of Scandinavian source is still carried out, though probably no one dreams it to be a relic of the bonfires kindled for Thor in Yule rites.

It is doubtful if partakers of Christmas puddings are conscious that the puddings are symbolic of the rich gifts of the Magi to the Christ child, while emblems of the manger are mince pies, for these were first made in the form of Bethlehem's cradle.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

A Christmas Suggestion

Had you thought that owing to the present conditions this might be the last Christmas at which all your sons will be present?

And after the family becomes separated, some never to return, how much you would wish for a group photograph of all the members of the family together?

We have an attractive proposition in family groups made at our studio and we urge you to have the family group photograph made.

This Christmas
A. D. Backstrom
Photographer

During the Holiday Season Let
WAYNE HILL
Do Your Tailoring
Especially attention to Ladies Work
North Side Square

G. E. JOHNSON ANNOUNCES FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

To my friends throughout Comanche County:

I desire to say that I have concluded to enter the race for District Attorney of this the 52nd. Judicial District composed of Comanche, Hamilton and Coryell counties and as it will be impossible for me to see every one in person between now and the election, I take this method of soliciting your valuable support. For fear that there may be some who are not acquainted with my past history I will say I was reared on a farm in the northern part of Coryell county. I taught 4 terms of public school in that county under a first grade teacher's certificate. I have license to practise law in the Supreme Court of Texas and the Supreme Court of the United States, which are the highest courts in the land.

In 1906 I was elected County Attorney of Coryell county over the man who ran against me by a majority of 1327 votes. In 1908 I was elected for the second term, without opposition and received the highest vote polled in the county. In 1910 I was a candidate for County Judge of Coryell county and was elected over my opposition by a majority of 2189 votes. In 1912 I was elected for the second term, without opposition, that year 11 men ran for county and district offices in Coryell county without opposition and the County Treasurer and myself received the highest number of votes polled in the county, which was 2919 votes each. When County Attorney I never had a complaint or bill of indictment quashed. I never filed a lot of cases in court that there was nothing in, but prejudice and thus put the people and taxpayers to unnecessary trouble and expense. I believe it is as much of a prosecuting attorney's duty to protect the innocent as to prosecute the guilty and when County Attorney of Coryell county my motto was "Bill nobody unless he is guilty and there is a reasonable expectation of proving it, then prosecute vigorously" and this doctrine seemed to have met with the approval of the people, and if elected District Attorney I will pursue the same policy. I have never been defeated for a district or a county office. When my second term as County Judge expired in Coryell county I moved to Comanche county and opened up a law office in the Masonic Temple. I resided in the town of Comanche for 2 years and then moved to Hamilton and entered the practise of law at this place, where I now reside. I know more people in this judicial district than any man in the same. With the acquaintance I have in Comanche, Hamilton and Coryell counties I feel like I ought to have a good chance to win. So hoping that my friends will give me their valuable support and will also speak a good word for me to their neighbors, I remain as ever, Yours very truly,
G. E. Johnson,
Hamilton, Texas

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Comanche County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Comanche County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas.

To all persons interested in the estate of T. J. Farrar, deceased, Know Ye, That A. P. Farrar, administrator, of said estate, has filed in the County Court of Comanche county, Texas, a final account and petition to close said administration of said Estate on the 12th day of December, 1917, which will be heard by our said County Court on the first Monday in December, 1918, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House of said County, in Comanche, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said Exhibit, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Comanche this, the 12th day of December, 1917.

B. C. Stailey, Clerk,
County Court, Comanche County, Texas.
(16-19)

Are Your Lungs Strong?

Do colds go down to your throat? Are your bronchial tubes easily affected? Above all, do colds settle on your chest? Then your lungs may not be as strong as you expected—consumption often follows.

Good Physicians Everywhere Prescribe

SCOTT'S EMULSION
Because its Pure Cod Liver Oil is Famous

for strengthening delicate throats and weak lungs while its glycerine soothes the tender linings and alleviates the cough.

Start on **Scott's Emulsion** today—It is Nature's building-food without drugs or alcohol.

The imported Norwegian cod liver oil used in **Scott's Emulsion** is now refined to our own American laboratories which guarantees it free from impurities.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

The number of men who swear—or cuss, as most of us style it—is really alarming when we take into consideration the uselessness, ugliness and sinfulness of the practice. For most of the ugly things men do some excuse can be given but no man has ever been able to give any excuse for taking the name of the Lord in vain. Occasionally you will find a man who says it relieves his feelings to swear but every person who has watched the actions of the swearer knows this is not true. No man ever cussed himself into a good humor. As a rule the more a man

swears the madder he gets and finally the cussor reaches the point of madness that he subsides in shame and looks with contempt upon himself. The best thing in the world for a rage that grows out of worry or disappointment is a smile or a joke. Try it next time and see if you don't get relief.—Honey Grove Signal.

STORAGE BATTERIES

We sell storage batteries.
We charge storage batteries.
We rent storage batteries.
We rebuild storage batteries.
(tf) Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

	Deposits	Resources
Dec. 10, 10	4,191.93	29,202.93
Dec. 10, 11	31,729.13	66,917.41
Dec. 10, 12	64,359.32	93,247.83
Dec. 10, 13	75,116.87	116,933.80
Dec. 10, 14	59,129.21	104,582.85
Dec. 10, 15	63,518.47	106,763.47
Dec. 10, 16	116,168.12	161,081.94
Dec. 10, 17	150,291.75	199,130.30

Times of prosperity and depression come to banks as well as individuals, a glance at the above figures will show the continued prosperity which

The First State Bank

of
Comanche, Texas

has been able to enjoy since its organization December 10, 1910. We wish to express our thanks to the friends and patrons of this bank and to assure them that we are just as willing and much more able to satisfactorily serve them now as when we first opened.

Christmas has always been a time for rejoicing. This year the Christian Nations the world over are weeping on account of the World War, Autocracy against Democracy.

Leave your savings in the **GUARANTY FUND BANK** where the non-interest-bearing and unsecured deposits are protected by the **DEPOSITORS GUARANTY FUND of the State of Texas**

We solicit your banking business.

J. E. GRAY, President
E. E. ANTHONY, Cashier

ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are opening an up-to-date Feed Store in the stand at which Mr. Herring has been located for the past several years. We will handle all kinds of Feed, including Bran, Shorts, Hay of all kinds, Chicken Feed and Flour. We will handle Feed and Flour both wholesale and retail and assure our customers of the best service and prices possible to be had.

We will appreciate your business.

Herring & Moody

OFF NORTHEAST CORNER OF SQUARE

D. M. HERRING

JIM MOODY

Cream Producers

Our Cream Station is now permanently located at our old stand across the street in front of the Express Office. It is our aim to keep a competent man in charge at all times. A square deal to everybody is our guarantee. We pay the top price always. Bring us your next can of cream.

Nissley Creamery

Comanche, Texas

LODGE ELECTIONS.

A Correction.

Last week we erred in printing the officers elected for Fleming Camp W. O. W. under the head of Gustine Camp. We beg the pardon of parties concerned. Below is the result of the election as it should have appeared.

Fleming W. O. W. Elects.

The following officers were elected for the year 1918 at the regular meeting held December 1st, 1917.

P. G. Wimberly, Consul Commander.
P. A. Pettit, Adviser Lieutenant.
E. P. Young, Banker.
E. L. Irwin, Clerk.
E. O. Renfro, Escort.
J. W. Rinehart, Watchman.
Ebb Adams, Sentry.
J. M. Young, Auditor.
B. F. Perkins, Auditor.
M. F. Newborn, Auditor.
W. D. Collins, Physician.

Hasse W. O. W. Elects.

The following officers were elected for the year 1918 at the regular meeting held Dec. 1, 1917.

C. T. Davis, Consul Commander.
D. W. Long, Adviser Lieutenant.
Frank Thompson, Banker.
Mayeon Haynie, Clerk.
Ernest Horner, Escort.
Willie Greenlee, Watchman.
M. K. Clark, Sentry.
J. E. Odell, Auditor.
W. P. Long, Auditor.
Dr. Davenport, Physician.
Dr. Dingle, Physician.

Gustine M. W. A. Elects.

The following officers were elected for the year 1918 at the regular meeting held December 8th, 1917.

G. E. Appewhite, Consul.
R. F. Vernon, Adviser.
W. J. Peoples, Banker.
James A. Greer, Clerk.
I. S. Ford, Escort.
G. H. Jones, Sentry.
T. J. McCullough, Watchman.
R. E. Huling, Manager.
Guy White, Manager.
D. P. Morgan, Manager.
W. D. Collins, Physician.

Vandyke I. O. O. F. Elects.

The following officers were elected for the year 1918 at the regular meeting held December 14th, 1917.

S. R. Bowers, N. G.
W. M. Grigsby, V. G.
T. E. Frost, Rec. Sec.
J. M. Grigsby, Treasurer.
H. Lowe, Grand Rep.

Sipe Springs I. O. O. F. Elects.

The following officers were elected for the year 1918 at the regular meeting held December 1st, 1917.

J. C. Plott, N. G.
W. F. Acker, V. G.
Jeff Morgan, Rec. Sec.
D. L. Morris, Treasurer.

Comanche M. W. A. Elects.

The following officers were elected for the year 1918 at the regular meeting held December 14th, 1917.

Will Ormsby, Consul.
Green West, Adviser.
Will Cauley, Banker.
Mark Skinner, Clerk.
J. H. Lewis, Escort.
Jim Jones, Sentry.
Geo. Garner, Watchman.
D. M. Herring, Manager.
Barna Riley, Manager.

Suez.

B. J. Stephens and wife visited Amon Stephens and wife Sunday. Uncle Taylor Frazier is visiting his son, G. J. Frazier this week.

Mrs. Atwell visited at G. J. Frazier's Sunday. Miss Hearthel Frazier spent Sunday with Miss Annie Mull.

T. H. Johnson and family visited C. B. Stephens and mother Sunday.

R. W. Atwell came in from the East Sunday night.

W. B. Mull is in Arkansas this week.

Martin Stephens left this week for Camp Arthur, California.

On Trinity grounds last Friday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of basket ball fans, the Suez boys demonstrated their superiority by defeating the Trinity boys to the tune of 16 to 9.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank all our neighbors and friends for their loving kindnesses which so materially lessened our burdens in our hour of sadness occasioned by the loss of our husband and father. We especially wish to thank the teacher and schoolmates of Wesley for their floral remembrances. May God in his infinite wisdom reward you and bless you is our prayer. Mrs. J. C. Williams and Children.

BRING YOUR JUG

Down to the Cash Store and get some real old-fashioned Ribbon Cane Syrup.

Nunnally and Liggett's Candies at The Wm. Reese Co.



THANKS ARE DUE TO THE SHIPPERS

of America for the patriotic way in which they have helped to increase the capacity of the country's freight equipment. Many shippers have come to the aid of Uncle Sam by volunteering to load cars to capacity, and to time their shipments so that more cars can be sent on their way without wasted space in the future.

It's been fine—the spirit of co-operation on every side. This getting together of shippers with the railroads is doing more than anything else to bring about the Railroad War Board's demand for the utilization of every atom of our transportation system at its highest efficiency.

The Cotton Belt Route wishes to thank the shippers along its lines for their efforts. Now that we are together—let's STAY together, for still better co-operation—and all the efficiency possible to HELP WIN THE WAR.

ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY LINES

"A Visit From St. Nicholas"

WHAT is the best known poem in the world? Not Gray's "Elegy," nor "The Song of the Shirt," nor "The Raven," but "The Night Before Christmas." The author is not so well known as his poem.

One recent Christmas the name of Clement Clarke Moore was honored as never before. Above his grave in the chapel of Holy Trinity cemetery, New York, the choir boys sang carols on the night before Christmas, and a service of light was held. This beautiful ceremonial starts with a procession of torchbearers whose torches are kindled from the leader's flame, and as the line winds through the graveyard the fire is passed back from one to another until the lights grow in number and dispel the surrounding darkness.

The father of Clement Clarke Moore was once the bishop of New York.

"The Night Before Christmas" was published originally without the author's knowledge in the Troy Sentinel two days before Christmas, 1823. Moore had written it the preceding Christmas just for the delight of his own children, but its circulation slipped beyond the family circle, and an unknown friend sent it for publication. The Sentinel readers paid no attention to it, and it passed without comment until seven years later, when the same paper reprinted it. The second reception was very different from the first. "A Visit From St. Nicholas," as it was then entitled, was copied broadcast, and its author awoke to find his work, if not himself, famous.

Although Clement Clarke Moore was educated for the ministry, he never took orders. For the greater part of his life he was identified with the New York General Theological seminary, being professor of Biblical learning and Greek and later of oriental languages.

Clement Moore's family life had many sorrows. His wife died at the early age of thirty-five, and the two little daughters, for whom he wrote "The Night Before Christmas," both died in their childhood. His son and namesake lived to the age of sixty-eight and is buried in the family plot.

When "The Night Before Christmas" was first published in the Troy Sentinel the editor wrote:

"We do not know to whom we are indebted for the following description



The "Service of Light."

of that unwearied patron of children, that homely but delightful personification of parental kindness, Santa Claus, his custom and his equipage, as he goes about visiting the firesides of this happy land, laden with Christmas bounties, but from whomsoever it may have come we give thanks for it. There is to our apprehension a spirit of cordial goodness in it, a playfulness as of fancy and a benevolent alacrity to enter into the feelings and promote the simple pleasures of children which are altogether charming. We hope our little patrons, both lads and lassies, will accept it as a proof of our unfeigned good will toward them, a token of our warmest wish that they may have many a merry Christmas; that they may long retain their beautiful relish for these unbought, home bred joys, which derive their flavor from filial piety and fraternal love and which, they may be assured, are the least alloyed that time can furnish them."—Philadelphia Press.

Christmas Song.

Oh, Christmas is a happy time,
When human hearts are light
And human hate has vanished
And all the world looks bright!

And Christmas is a solemn time,
For back long, long ago,
Christ was born to give the world
The joy that we now know.

But not alone at Christmas time
Is happiness and cheer,
For he who really loves the Lord
Has Christmas all the year.

—H. K. Sadtler.

Shop Early and Shop Here

We invite all Christmas shoppers to call at our place in making their Holiday purchases. Among our many lines, perhaps our most attractive is

Our Christmas Stationery

This we have in the most varied assortment we have ever shown and the most particular will find something here to please them.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hamilton Drug Co.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—A \$150 surrey for \$50. See me at once.—T. M. Pulliam. (1t)

FOR SALE—Registered Poland China pigs, 4 months old. Price from \$12.50 to \$25.00 per head; papers furnished.—J. B. Lacy, Sidney, Texas. (17-20)

SEED OATS FOR SALE—Rust proof red oats free from Johnson grass and weeds. Fred Schulz, Democrat, Texas. (17-18pd)

NOTICE—Some person left a pair of work gloves in J. H. Allen's Shoe Shop. Owner can have same by proper identification and paying 25c for this ad. Call The Chief-Exponent. (1t)

LOST—Black sow, weighing some 80 pounds; had white feet and face. Strayed Monday night from Comanche Wagon Yard. Reward for information leading to recovery. Notify O. A. Armstrong, Sidney, Texas, R. F. D. No. 2, or The Chief-Exponent. (1tp)

FOR SALE—Top buggy good as new, also rubber tire trap buggy, or will trade for stock. See Jim Lane. (17-18)

FOR SALE—Sudan grass recleaned, free from Johnson grass, 25c per pound f. o. b. Comanche. Call or see G. J. Lindsey, telephone line 8, long and short, Comanche, Texas, Route 5. (17-18p)

FOR SALE—I will sell to the highest bidder on Jan. 1st 1918 in Comanche one black smithing outfit complete. Tom Nabers, Constable. (1t)

FOR SALE—1916 Ford Car, new tires all round, in good condition; also 54-acre sandy land farm, 4 miles north Comanche; will take some trade. (17-18p)

STOLEN—If person who took blue silk coat suit from Brin's store Wednesday will return same matter will be dropped. If not we will make diligent search for it and will give \$5.00 reward for any information leading to recovery.—Brin's One-Price Store. (1t)

FOR SALE—Bronze Turkeys, extra large, pure bred, early hatching; Toms \$4.00, hens \$3.00.—Mrs. T. N. Burton, Comanche Route 5, phone 363, 3 rings. (1t)

FOR SALE—Four full blood red polled yearling bulls.—M. B. White, Lamkin, Tex. (17-20p)

STRAYED from the home place on Sweetwater two hogs; one black boar and one spotted sow, about one year old but small. Anyone knowing whereabouts notify J. J. Sledge, Comanche Route 4, or The Chief-Exponent. (1t)

FARM LABOR WANTED—Reference furnished.—W. D. Carleton, Dublin, Texas. (1t)

FOR SERVICE—Registered Poland China Boar, "Comanche Chief," will be kept at my home two miles northwest from Comanche.—C. A. Greene, phone 461. (16-19)

FOR RENT—My home 3 blocks east from the square; all conveniences. Prefer family without children or with grown children.—T. R. Holmsley. Call at The Chief-Exponent office. (1f)

FOR SALE—A 7 foot Acme Binder, good 12-disc 6-inch grain drill, a Sanders double disc breaking plow. Will sell any or all at bargain. See Ernest Carpenter. (1f)

WOOD FOR SALE—I have 500 cords of mesquite and post oak cord wood for sale. Phone or write J. C. Montgomery, Comanche, Texas. (14-17)

FOR SALE—A few full blood Hereford yearling bulls.—See Geo. Montgomery. (11tf)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Haney Hopkins vs. Jim Hopkins, divorce; granted and custody of child awarded to plaintiff. Higginbotham Bros. & Co. vs. N. L. McBrayer, et al., foreclosure deed of trust lien; continued.

Murtile E. Matthews vs. Modern Woodmen of America; collection of insurance; motion for new trial granted.

J. W. Moxley et al vs. J. S. Derrick et al.; suit for partition; dismissed as to J. S. Derrick; property found to be incapable of division; receiver appointed to sell property at private sale and report proceeds belonging to minors defendants unto court and pay and apportion their part to other owner.

The Shear Co. vs. J. A. Hall et al.; suit on note; continued. A. L. Allen vs. J. M. Presler; suit on note; dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Mary J. Short et al. vs. J. H. Dudley et al.; suit for partition; new trial granted, and set for April 29th, 1918.

FREE! With every purchase of \$1.00 or more we will give free one set GOLD filled Beauty Pins. Reese & McCarty, Jewelers.

JUST UNLOADED Car of International Mixed Feed. No better feed on the market. Come and try some of it and you will be pleased. Comanche Milling Co.

Coveted by All but possessed by few—a beautiful head of hair. If yours is streaked with gray, or is harsh and stiff, you can restore it to its former beauty and lustre by using "Creole" Hair Dressing. Price \$1.00 (1t)

LIST OF PUPILS EXEMPT IN ALL SUBJECTS

Below we give a list of pupils exempt in all subjects from term examinations. In order to be exempt a pupil must make an average of 90 in all subjects and must not have fallen below 95 in any month on Department.

WEST WARD

FIRST GRADE:—Geo. G. Smith, Ruth Harris, Madine Jones, Ode Wetzel, Olee Boswell, Minnie Dugus, Geo. Hulsey, John Hamb Nathalee Jessup, Floy Knight, Lella Carter, Ory Masers, Elizabeth McCrary, Jack Buras, Lydia Coney, Alvie Cox, Louis Straley, Mabel Walling.

SECOND GRADE:—Berta Goss, Errastine Carmichael, Cly Bonne, Elva Huett, Nat Godbold, Elise Switzer, Golda Moffe, Maude Meadows, Ruth Atwood, Ora Boen, Tom Coleman.

THIRD GRADE:—Mattie Barker, Myra Kearby, Corlee Kittle, Cordelia McPherson, Faye Burleson, Catharine Clark, Evelyn Holman, Kate Reeves, Herbert Williams.

FOURTH GRADE:—Hattie Loman, Katharine Holman, May Dodson, Tom Conger, Leitha Ferrell.

EAST WARD

FIRST GRADE:—Exemption not granted.

SECOND GRADE:—Hildy Cauley, Clarissa Jeter, Fred Moore, Ruby Williford, Bill Sullivan, Faye Mercer, Elizabeth Greer, Gwendlyn Findley.

THIRD GRADE:—Faye Kin Clara Lancaster, Mary Loftis, Wila Short, Clara Edwards, Hubert Tannehill, Doyle Dillard, Charwick Phillips, Glenneth Herrin, Geo. Sullivan, Augusta Huggins.

FOURTH GRADE:—John Carpenter, Mark Moore, Beth Roland, Isla Norrid.

FIFTH GRADE:—Gaynell Coley, Anton Rauhut, Loyd Macke, Hollis Auvenshine, Herbert Fager, Alva Pate.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SIXTH GRADE:—Patty Jackson, Cleavie Spinks, Ruth King, Ell Dingus, Landis Edge.

SEVENTH GRADE:—Jan Godson, John E. Hoff, Hubert Bernice Hensler, Catharine Carmichael, Florence Cauley, Winford Ferrill, Eloise Findley, Frances Reese, William Cunningham.

EIGHT GRADE:—Finals taken at this time.

Bartlett-Gleaton.

Mr. Earl Bartlett of the Sidney community and Miss Lillie Gleaton of White Point community were quietly married on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Ferguson, 4 p. m.

There young people have been reared near Comanche and well known to a large circle friends whom we join in wishing them a happy life together.

Christmas Boxes of Cigars The Wm. Reese Co.



Thanks! Thanks!

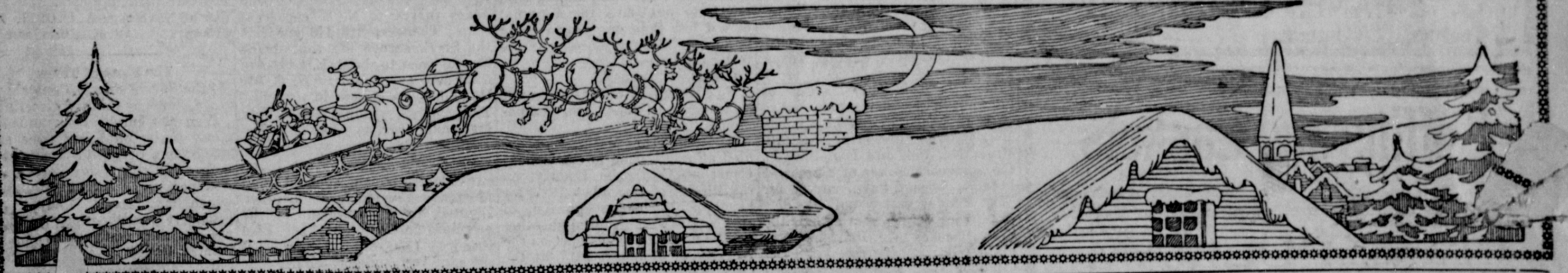
The year 1917 has been a very successful one. We have war, we have a drouth, but during this we have enjoyed very nice business, indeed. And to every man, woman, boy and girl that has given us their patronage we want to extend to you our sincere thanks and hoping that in the coming year we may enjoy your confidence and business. And to you and all new customers that are coming to us daily we hope to serve you better in the future than we have this year. Wishing you all a merry christmas and a happy new year, we are your friend.

Slider & Lacy

W. R. Slider

H. R. Lacy

H. Huddleston



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Comanche, Texas, Dec. 17, 1917.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy seven years old. This is my first year in school, and I want you to please bring me a football, fire works and some tinker toys, also fruit, candy and nuts. Your friend,
Albert Greer, Jr.

Comanche, Texas, Dec. 18, 1917.
Dear Santa:
Please I want a rocking chair and a doll and a little car. I want my brother to have a little train horse and buggy, my sister a big doll with a hat on it and a nice ring. Bring all of us some fire crackers and roman candles. Yours truly,
Luceal Brown.

Comanche, Texas, Dec. 17, 1917.
Dear Santa:
We have been sick and just now able to sit up and can't walk yet. By the help of the good Lord we may walk some time. As we haven't got no papa to get me any presents this Christmas, Dear Santa I want you to bring me a winter coat and lot of presents and some apples and oranges and candy and me a pair of gloves to wear to school. As ever your friends,
Bessie and Nora Bagley.
So bye to you Santa Claus.

Comanche, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.
Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would bring me a bicycle and a good gun, and all the soldier boys a present if nothing but a box of candy. Please Santa Claus remember the soldiers in France. Your little friend,
Paul Duncan.

Comanche, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a doll, doll buggy some stationery, some apples, oranges, and please don't forget the soldiers. Your little friend,
Berta Goodson.

Comanche, Texas, Dec. 12, 1917.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a good story book, and bring me some games.

I wish I had the Kaiser and his son. Bring me some oranges and some apples and some grapes. Your little friend,
Claude Meadows.

Comanche, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me an air gun and some roman candles and some fire crackers; but don't forget the soldiers. Your little friend
Clyde Bonner.

Comanche, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a doll; bring me some candy and an orange. Please bring me a doll buggy, too. Don't forget the soldiers. Your little friend,
Ora Boen.

Comanche, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a target and some fire crackers and a bicycle and a football. Santa Claus, don't forget my two uncles in the training camp. Your little friend,
J. B. Arther.

COMANCHE BOYS SOON TO LEAVE FOR FRANCE

According to obtainable information two of Comanche's boys are soon to leave for "somewhere" in France. They are Sane Godbold of the Signal Service and Lieut. Hugh Clarke of the artillery. Sane is the son of Mrs. S. S. W. Godbold of Comanche and Hugh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Chas. Clarke of this city. Both are among Comanche's choicest young men and we have no doubt will render a creditable account of themselves in the American Army in France.

Home Talent Makes Hit in Entertainment for School Benefit.

For the second time Miss Goldie Green has scored a decided success as a producer of amateur entertainments, when on last night, under her direction, the home talent entertainment, "The Divorce Case," was presented to an immense audience at the Christian Tabernacle. The entertainment was for the benefit of the Coggin School piano fund.

was given as a sequel to the "Womanless Wedding" which was staged here some time ago. In this clever burlesque on court procedure a jury of women sat in judgment, and as was to be expected there was a disagreement at the close of the hearing. The eloquence of the attorneys for the principals in the trial were as earnest and thrilling as any which have ever been heard in our courts. The special entertainment features were received with great applause by the audience. Two choruses in each of which there were one hundred and fifty children were featured in the specialties. A chorus of young ladies made a decided hit with their singing, while reading and dancing were other very delightful entertainment features.

At the whole the performance may be described as a very creditable one, reflecting the careful training given by the director and the unselfish enthusiasm of the many school children who took part in the affair.—Brownwood Bulletin.

FIRST WEDDING IS CELEBRATED IN NEW HOTEL

On Saturday evening at 7:40 o'clock the first wedding in the St. Angeleus hotel was solemnized. The contracting parties were Fred P. Montgomery and Miss Daphne Meinecke, both of Ozona, and are among the most popular folks of that community.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. F. Lyon, pastor of the First Baptist church, and was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sherrod of Ozona, Mrs. Sherrod being a sister of the bride.

The young couple will return to Ozona to reside after a short stay in San Angelo.—San Angelo Standard.

Montgomery-Meinecke.

The long expected marriage of two popular young people of Ozona occurred in San Angelo last night at 8 o'clock, when Rev. Lyons performed the ceremony that united Fred Montgomery and Miss Daphne Meinecke of Ozona. The bride is another of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Meinecke's lovely daughters and the groom is a prominent young stockman. Congratulations to both and best

wishes.—Ozona Stockman.
Fred P. Montgomery referred to above is son of Mrs. W. H. Montgomery of Comanche.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL BAKINGS

Many women entertain the idea that they can never become thoroughly good cooks. They may be perfectly able to prepare meats and vegetables properly. Still they make a miserable failure of bakings. When one gives the matter serious consideration it becomes evident that the fault rests more in faulty baking powder than careless or haphazard baking methods. This must be true. For it is a well known fact that housewives who employ Calumet Baking Powder are highly successful. They do not know the meaning of bake day failure. Even girls who never before attempted to bake a cake—a batch of doughnuts—biscuits—or cookies employ Calumet and turn out bakings that rival those of experienced cooks. This absolute dependability of Calumet—the unfailing leavening force—that makes all women good bakers of biscuits and pastries—has made Calumet the greatest seller of all Baking Powders—more pounds being sold than of any other brand.

Cheap baking powders and high cost baking powders of low quality have proved to millions of housewives that no matter how good the recipe—how great the care in preparing and mixing baking ingredients—results are uncertain unless a sure baking powder is employed. Consequently these millions demand and use Calumet—because of its every bake day dependability.—Adv.

NEWS FROM CAMP TRAVIS

(By Division of Publicity.)
Charles C. Gray of Proctor has been transferred from Ambulance Co. 360 to the Quartermasters Corps purchasing department. He reports the work as pleasing.

John Evan Palmer of Comanche has made application to transfer from Ambulance Co. N. 360 to the Quartermaster's department.

Alvie E. Herring has been appointed as leader of the quartet organized in Co. D 343rd Machine Gun Battalion.

Sgt. Palmer and Corporals Rob-

The Wonderful House Where Santa Claus Dwells

WOULDN'T you like to see the wonderful land
Where Santa Claus makes his home,
The magic shops and buildings grand
Filled with toys from cellar to dome;

Where busy thousands work day and night
Making the pretty things Santa Claus gives,
Weaving into each gift their joy and delight,
In the beautiful home where Santa Claus lives?

Over fields of ice, over hills of snow,
Is the wonderful home where Santa Claus dwells;
Where love brightens life with its eternal glow
And the blessed song of Christmas bells.

—A. Bart Horton in Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

erson and Walker are among those enrolled in the night French school for enlisted men.

BACHELORS TO MAKE CHRISTMAS BALL SUCCESS

Comanche's bachelors are planning to make the annual Christmas ball a big event in the social life of the city in spite of the conditions that war times have brought on.

The skating rink will don the usual Christmas appearance and a splendid orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

Comanche's bachelors' reputation for staging a grand affair on this occasion is excellent and the young men do not expect to permit their reputation to suffer on this occasion.

Art Gibson Christmas Seals and Post Cards at The Wm. Reese Co.

CAPT. WHITE THANKS LADIES FOR COOT COMFORTS

Camp Bowie, Texas, Dec. 16, 1917.
To Chief-Exponent, Comanche, Texas.
An Appreciation.

The tenderness and kindness and promptness with which the 40 comfort quilts for the cots came to my boys touches my heart deeply. Their sufferings as well as their comforts are mine, for we are one big family, 248 of us, in the one company.

But I have never doubted but what the noble women of Comanche with their mother hearts understood my position and the responsibility that rests upon me, so I take this method of thanking Mrs. Bess Dunn and her associates for their kindness in helping to keep my boys warm.

I beg you good women not to stop where you are for there are 200 of my boys not from Comanche, I intended for them to be, but all know why and that is a forgotten chapter in my life.

Help make Christmas a great occasion for the boys that will have to remain in camp not being permitted to go home.

When I leave the company the 5th of January to become an instructor in the Officers Training Camp I want to know that Co. H 144 Infantry is the best provided for in the camp.

I wish further to thank those that have written such kind, good and appreciative letters; I have only tried to do my duty toward your boys and would have answered at least each mother's letter had not the time and expense been so great.

Yours to serve,
Leslie G. White,
Capt. 144th Infy. Comdg. Co. H.

Immediate Attention

should be given to sprains, swellings, bruises, rheumatism and neuralgia. Keep Mansfield's Magic Arnica Liniment handy on the shelf. Three sizes—25c, 50c and \$1.00.

Feed Delivered Promptly.

We handle all kinds of feed, including Bran, Mixed Feed and all kinds of Hay. Our superb delivery service gets the feed to you without delay.
(15-18) Atwood Brothers.

May Your
CHRISTMAS BE MERRY
May Your
NEW YEAR BE HAPPY
Is the wish of
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Dealer in Coal and Oil
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Good Coal \$6.50 per ton.

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We offer the following sandy lands for sale cheap and on easy terms:

- 62 acres 3 miles N. W. Sidney, \$30 per acre.
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- 120 acres 1/2 mile west Soda Springs school, \$20 per acre.
- 170 acres near Suez, \$20 per acre.
- 283 acres 4 miles east from Hasse at \$6000.
- 150 acres unimproved timber land 3 miles east from Gustine, at \$10 per acre.

All of the above lands are cheap at the price offered and can be had on reasonable terms.

We also offer a number of black land farms worth the money; and remember that we can give you best rates and terms on farm loans; and can write your fire and tornado insurance on farms anywhere in Comanche County.

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Will call for and deliver anything

Bibb.

A number of the people in these parts took advantage of the cold weather and had a "hog killing" time.

On account of the unfavorable weather Rev. Bryant failed to fill his appointment at this place Sunday night.

Mr. L. T. Cunningham, the rural school supervisor, was here last Friday evening.

Mrs. Cox from Indian Gap is visiting her son, Mr. Will Cox.

Mrs. Thompson from Haskell county is visiting her father, Mr. Tidrow and family.

Mr. Hardin is moving from our community this week. We regret to lose these good people.

There were a number of visitors at the school Friday afternoon.

Health is good in this community, except a few cases of whooping cough.

Mr. and Mrs. Verge Hanes gave the young people a party last Saturday night week. A good time was reported.

There will be singing at this place next Sunday night.

Mr. Tidrow went to Sipe Springs Monday.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Comanche County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of

Benjamin M. Clopton deceased, their heirs and legal representatives, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Comanche County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Comanche, Texas, on the fourth Monday in April A. D. 1918, the same being the 22nd day of April A. D. 1918, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 13th day of December A. D. 1917, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 4444, wherein R. J. Burdett is the plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Benjamin M. Clopton deceased, their heirs and legal representatives, are the defendants, and said petition alleging that on the 1st day of December A. D. 1917, the plaintiff was and still is the legal and equitable owner in fee simple, and as such owner entitled to the possession of the following eleven and 94-100 (11.94) acres of land in Comanche County, Texas, out of a survey patented by the State of Texas, to the unknown heirs of Benjamin M. Clopton deceased by patent No. 237, Vol. 9, and which land begins at the southeast corner of a survey in the name of T. A. Tunnell.

THENCE east 303 vrs. to corner on east line of J. W. Tunnell survey.

THENCE north with said east line 222.5 vrs. to northwest corner said J. W. Tunnell survey, for northeast corner of this.

THENCE west 303 vrs. to northwest corner of this on east line of T. A. Tunnell survey.

THENCE south 222.5 vrs. to the

place of beginning.

The plaintiff sues the defendants in a count in trespass to try title for the recovery of the title and possession of said above described 11.94 acres of land, and in a count based on the five years statute of limitation, and on a count based on the ten years statute of limitation of the State of Texas, alleging that he and those whose estate he holds in said premises, have been in the quiet, peaceable and adverse possession of said premises under all the conditions, circumstances, and requirements provided by law for the acquisition of the title to said premises under said five years and under said ten years statutes of limitation, and that he has a matured title to said premises for the recovery of the title and possession of said premises. The plaintiff alleges that if the defendants have any title or claim to said land it accrued to them by reason of said original survey of land, of which the 11.94 acres sued for is a part, being patented to the heirs of Benjamin M. Clopton deceased, and that they have never parted with the title to the same.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Comanche, Texas, this 13th day of December A. D. 1917.

A. J. Lloyd,
Clerk District Court, Comanche County, Texas. (17-20)

Notice of Trustees Sale.

WHEREAS, by deed of trust dated March 8th, 1912, recorded in Vol. R at page 149 of the real estate mortgage records of Comanche County, Texas, Minnie O. Hilliard, individually and as survivor of the community estate of herself and her deceased husband, J. M. Hilliard, conveyed to Charles L. Kribs, trustee, for the Middlesex Banking Company, the following described tract of land situated in Comanche County, Texas, to-wit:

One Hundred (100) acres of land out of the survey patented to Epps D. Payne, by patent No. 566, Vol. 9, dated June 11th, 1852, Abstract No. 754, and beginning at the northeast corner of a tract of land, out of said Payne survey for Wm. Pendergrass, said Pendergrass tract being described in the deed executed by J. D. Stephens et al, to Wm. Pendergrass, dated December 11th, 1873, and recorded in Vol. D at page 17 of the deed records of Comanche County, Texas;

THENCE south with the east line of said Pendergrass tract, 1120 vrs. to a stone pile.

THENCE west 400 vrs to a stone mound for corner.

THENCE north 85 vrs. to center bed of Sweetwater Creek.

THENCE down said creek with its meanderings to a corner on its west bank.

THENCE north 27 vrs. to corner on north line of said Pendergrass tract.

THENCE east with the north line of said Pendergrass tract, 511 vrs. to the place of beginning; and being the same land conveyed by W. W. Smith and wife to J. M. Hilliard by deed dated August 18th, 1905, and recorded in Vol. 63 at page 234 of the deed records of Comanche County, Texas, which original deed and the record thereof is referred to and made a part hereof.

Said deed of trust being given to secure the Middlesex Banking Company, a corporation, in the payment of a principal indebtedness of \$1200.00; besides interest, and also 10% attorneys fees in certain contingencies mentioned in the notes and in the deed of trust. Said deed of trust provides that upon default in the payment of any part of the indebtedness; the trustee should at the request of the holder of said lien and indebtedness, sell the land to the highest bidder for cash at the County Courthouse door in Comanche County, Texas, on the day and within the hours now required by law, after advertising according to the present laws, the time, place and terms of said sale, and the property to be sold; and,

Whereas, said trust deed provides that in case of the refusal of the trustee therein named to act, then such persons as may be appointed by the holder and owner of said indebtedness shall proceed to execute said trust as substitute trustee; and,

Whereas, by regular chain of transfer and conveyance said debt and lien has been duly transferred and assigned to Higginbotham Bros. & Co. a corporation, of Comanche, Texas, who now owns and holds said debt and lien; and,

Whereas, said principal sum of

\$1200.00 became due on November 1st, 1917; and there was also due on Nov. 1st, 1917, the sum of \$96.00 interest, and which amounts are past due and unpaid, and default has been made in the payment thereof; and,

Whereas, Charles L. Kribs, trustee named in said original deed of trust has refused to act and Higginbotham Bros. & Co., the holder of said debt and lien, ha appointed H. N. Goodson as substitute trustee, as the aforesaid deed of trust provides, may be done, and has requested me as such substitute trustee to sell the above described land under the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of paying off and satisfying the above mentioned indebtedness of \$1200.00 principal, \$96.00 interest, and interest to accrue on said sum at 10% per annum from November 1st, 1917; and 10% attorneys fees; default having been made in the payment thereof;

Now this is to give notice that on Tuesday, the 5th day of February A. D. 1918, I will offer the above land for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of Comanche County, Texas, in the City of Comanche, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a. m. and 4:00 o'clock p. m. on said day, and I will execute to the purchaser of said property at said sale, a conveyance therefor as is provided in said deed of trust.

Witness my hand this 17th day of December A. D. 1917.

H. N. Goodson,
Substitute Trustee. (17-19)

Notice in Probate.

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Comanche County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Comanche County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas.
To all persons interested in the estate of F. D. Jones, non Compos Mentis,

Know Ye, That Mollie Jones has filed an application in the County Court of Comanche County, on the 4th day of December, 1917, for her appointment as guardian of said estate, which said application will be heard by said Court on the 7th day of January, 1918, at the Court House of said County, in Comanche, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Comanche, Texas, this 14th day of December, 1917.

B. C. Stailey, Clerk,
County Court, Comanche County, Texas. (16-17)

Notice in Probate.

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Comanche County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation,

which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Comanche County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas.
To all persons interested in the estate of Mrs. L. W. Ayers, deceased,

Know Ye, That C. R. Ayers has filed an application in the County Court of Comanche County, on the 6th day of December, 1917, for the probating of the last will and testament of the said Mrs. L. W. Ayers, deceased, and for his appointment as executor of said will, which said application will be heard by said Court on the 7th day of January, 1918, at the Court House of said County, in Comanche, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Comanche, Texas, this 6th day of December, 1917.

B. C. Stailey, Clerk,
County Court, Comanche County, Texas. (16-17)

Notice of Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, by deed of trust dated December 10, 1908, and recorded in Book "P", page 136 of the real estate mortgage records of Comanche County, Texas, J. B. Brown and wife conveyed to R. G. Patton, trustee, the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

48 acres in Comanche County, Texas, off the east end of the north half of 160 acres patented to A. H. Jones, Patent 104, Vol. 8, described as follows:

Beginning 352 varas east of the N. E. corner of a survey for F. F. Green, a rock set in ground for N. W. corner of this survey. Thence east with the north line of said Jones survey to N. E. corner of same. Thence south 440 yards to the S. E. corner of this tract. Thence west to the S. E. corner of a 32 acre tract sold to H. B. McDonald, a rock set in ground. Thence north with east line of said McDonald tract to place of beginning.

Said deed of trust given to secure The American Freehold Land Mortgage Company of London, Limited, in the payment of the principal indebtedness of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, besides interest, and also ten per cent attorneys' fees in certain contingencies mentioned in the notes and in the deed of trust. Said deed of trust provides that upon default in the payment of any part of the indebtedness for five days after the same falls due, the trustee should at the request of the holder sell the land at public outcry after advertising the same in the manner provided for advertisement in case of judicial sales; such sale to be made at the Court House door in Comanche County, Texas; and

Whereas, R. G. Patton, the trustee named in said deed of trust, has refused to act, and The American Freehold Land Mortgage Company of London, Limited, has appointed me, H. N. Goodson, as substitute trustee, as the aforesaid deed of trust provides may be done in event of the refusal of the trustee named to serve, and has requested me as such substitute trustee to sell the above described land under the terms of said deed of

trust for the purpose of paying off and satisfying the above mentioned indebtedness of \$500.00, principal, interest and attorneys' fees default having been made in the payment thereof.

Now, this is to give notice that on Tuesday, the 1st day of January A. D. 1918, I will offer the above and for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door of Comanche County, Texas, in the city of Comanche, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. on said day, and I will execute the purchaser of said property at said sale conveyance therefor, as provided in said deed of trust.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of December A. D. 1917.

H. N. Goodson,
Substitute Trustee. (15-17)

Notice, Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Comanche,

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Comanche County on 26th day of November, 1917, by the Clerk, thereof, in the case of W. M. Scott, versus J. P. King No. 4314 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in January A. D. 1918, it being the first day of said month, before the Court House door of said Comanche County, in the City of Comanche, the following described property, to-wit:

Being Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars worth of mercantile stock owned by the said J. P. King in Watson Bros., Huling Co., a corporation doing business and located at Gustine, Texas, levied on as the property of J. P. King, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$3,000.00 in favor of W. M. Scott and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 27th day of November A. D. 1917.

(15-18) J. E. Miller, Sheriff.

The State of Texas

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Comanche County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Comanche County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas.

To all persons interested in the estate of J. W. McNeill, deceased, H. N. Goodson, Administrator of said Estate, has filed in County Court of Comanche County, Texas, a Final Exhibit of said Estate, which will be heard by our said County Court on the first Monday in January, 1918, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House of said County, in Comanche, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said Exhibit, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Comanche, this, the 27th day of November, 1917.

(15-18) B. C. Stailey, Clerk,
County Court, Comanche Co., Tex.



Cotton Belt Service

It is our purpose to give the people of Comanche and surrounding territory the best possible service not only in regard to the operations of our trains but in a general way. It is our aim to assist you in any way you travel and are always glad to give you any information as to the rates, schedules ect, and we ask you to feel free to call on us for any information you may desire.

Try Cotton Belt Trains If Bound for St. Louis New York Or Any Other Points of the North

Cotton Belt Passenger service is not to be excelled in comfort, convenience or safety.

Ask The Cotton Belt Agent.

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Local Agent,
Comanche, Texas.

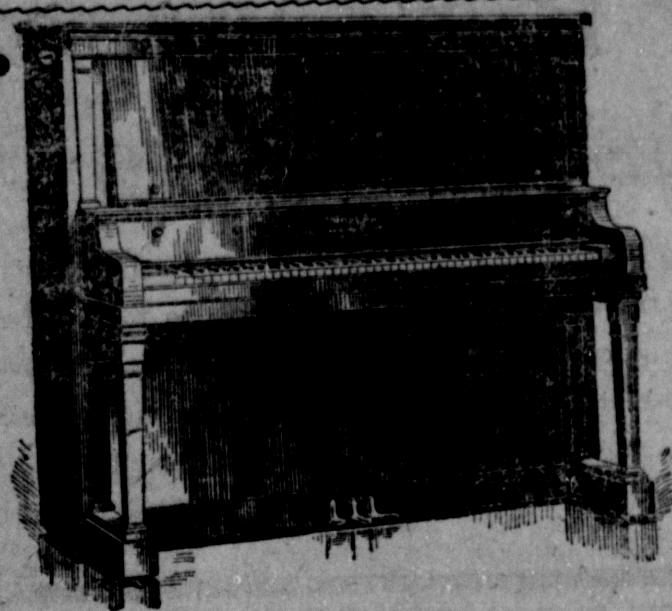
Write

JOHN F. LEHANE,
G. F. & P. A.,
Tyler, Texas.



Your Christmas Stock Is OK

Santa Claus



OUR STOCK OF PIANOS MUST MOVE

They include some of the world's best brands and are standard in every way, but we must sell them and down goes the price so low that you cannot afford to miss the opportunity.

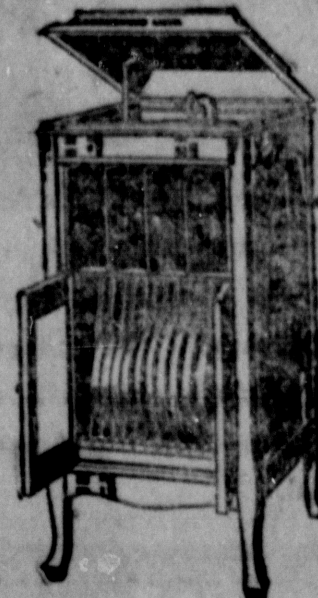
But It Must Be Sold

REGARDLESS OF THE SACRIFICE. NEVER WAS OUR MAGNIFICENT STOCK OF FURNITURE MORE COMPLETE THAN IT IS TODAY AND NEVER BEFORE HAVE WE HAD THE SPLENDID ARTICLES WHICH SO APPEAL TO OUR CUSTOMERS. ANTICIPATION OF SPLENDID CROPS LED US TO BUY EARLY AND AT A LOW FIGURE AND THE PRESENT CONDITION MAKES US PUT OUR STOCK ON THE MARKET AT

Forced Sale

MANY OF THE VERY CHOICE ARTICLES WILL BE SOLD FOR ONE-HALF PRICE—MUCH OF IT WILL BE OFFERED AT EVEN LESS.

Your chance to buy Furniture at cost and less than cost.



COLUMBIA GRAFONOLAS

Will be sold at prices below what they have ever been offered before. Our stock of these high-grade machines is larger than it would seem trade conditions warranted, but up to the time the drouth conditions became grave they moved regularly. What we now have on hand will go at a sacrifice.

The Biggest Furniture Sale Comanche Ever Witnessed Began Saturday, Dec. 15th
Every article in stock is reduced in price to the very bottom.

THIS INCLUDES

Our magnificent lot of staple articles of Furniture, such as Bedroom Suites, Kitchen Furniture, Dining Room Suites, Chairs, Cedar Chests, Tables and in fact everything in the Furniture line.

IT INCLUDES

Our splendid assortment of Rugs and Art Squares as well as our Linoleum, Matting and other floor coverings; also our Window Shades, etc.

IT EVEN INCLUDES

Our Sheet Music and Grafonola Records; which are in some instances far below the wholesale cost.

Remember the Sale began Saturday, December 15

T. M. PULLIAM

This Sale closes Christmas day.

Lamkin.

We are having some cloudy, damp weather, but no rain. Ted Boatwright who has been at Alhart for the past year came home last Thursday.

G. W. Wilkins and wife visited in Gustine Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie Burks and two children of Clayton, N. M., are visiting her father, J. D. Neel.

Glym McGlothlin, Harley White and Richard Massingale left Tuesday afternoon for the training camps.

J. Stewart and family attended church at Purvis Saturday and Sunday.

E. J. Jernigan and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. R. Couch, the first of the week.

Tom Kemp and wife of Pottsville attended church here Saturday.

Miss Laura Clayton returned to her work at Temple Sunday after visiting home folks for a few days.

R. Willis and Charlie Carter accompanied Sidney Carter, of Downing to Temple last Friday where the latter underwent a very serious operation.

Buck Neel is visiting in Fort Worth this week.

PURE RIBBON CANE SYRUP
In barrels—the home-made kind—at The Cash Store.

High grade Toilet Water and Perfumes at The Wm. Reese Co.

NURSE SAVES 2 COMANCHE PEOPLE FROM OPERATION

"I had two patients that the doctors seemed unable to reach with their medicines and in both cases advised the knife. A friend who had tried Mayr's Wonderful Remedy for stomach trouble proposed that I recommend it to my patients, which I did. Both are now entirely well. I am very glad that I was able to recommend it. It is a simple harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract, and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. The Wm. Reese Drug Co.

See the beautiful line of Holiday Stationery at The Wm. Reese Co.

Deaths Reported.

Arthur A. Hughes, Proctor, (soldier) pneumonia.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of HERBINE in each case. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by S. P. Smith.

Cotton Grove.

Miss Mary Spencer of Comanche accompanied by others was in this community Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy entertained Saturday night. All had a nice time.

William Stubblefield spent two nights last week in this community.

The school girls organized their basket ball team Monday, electing Miss Vera Beene captain and Miss Estelle Cannon coach.

Punch Roberson of Comanche attended the party here Saturday night.

Miss Burley Stubblefield spent last week in this community.

Reece Mills of Newburg and Hollis DeWitt of Comanche were here Friday night.

Miss Estelle Cannon spent the week end with relatives near Sidney.

ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment. If you buy a dollar bottle of BAL-LARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is a HERRICK'S RED PEPPER POROUS PLASTER for the chest, free with each bottle. Sold by S. P. Smith.

Visits of the Stork.

Born to Mr. and Ms.: John Robinson, Sipe Springs, girl.

Henry Bingham, Sipe Springs, boy.

W. R. Daniels, boy.

M. Ward, near Sidney, girl.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Priced 25c per bottle. Sold by S. P. Smith.

Feed Delivered Promptly.

We handle all kinds of feed, including Bran, Mixed Feed and all kinds of Hay. Our superb delivery service gets the feed to you without delay.

(15-18) Atwood Brothers.

Everything in Toilet Articles at The Wm. Reese Co.

For good lump coal at \$6.50 per ton phone J. C. Henderson at The Chief-Exponent Office, phone No. 2.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And May Your New Year Also Be a Happy One

USEFUL AND PRACTICAL GIFTS FOR YOUR FATHER, BROTHER, HUSBAND, SON OR FRIEND

A pair of Bostonian Shoes.
A pair of House Shoes in Holiday Boxes.
Silk Hose.
Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.
Silk Shirts.
A fine Showing of Ties.
Reefer Mufflers.
Dress and Driving Gloves.
Underwear.
Overcoats.
Hats and Caps.
Hand Bags.

USEFUL AND PRACTICAL GIFTS FOR YOUR MOTHER, SISTER, WIFE, DAUGHTER OR FRIEND

Crepe de Chine andorgette Waists.
Silk, Crepe and Linen Handkerchiefs.
Silk Petticoats.
Brassieres.
Silk Hose.
Kimona Goods.
Kid Gloves.
House Shoes.
Sweaters and Caps.
FURS.
Fancy Ribbons and Elastic Table Linens.
Towels with Bath Rags to Match.
Wool Blankets.

All the articles listed above can be found at our store at very reasonable prices.

We take this occasion of thanking you for past favors and asking for a continuance of your patronage.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Roberson Sisters & Co.

Comanche, Texas

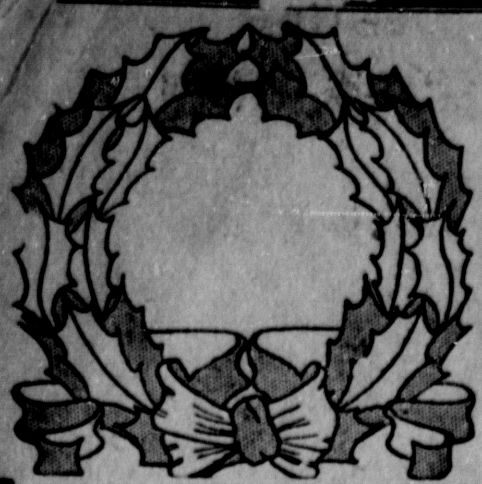
I Wish You a

Merry Christmas

Holiday Shoppers will find every kind of Fruits, Nuts, and Candies, including the nicest Christmas boxed Candies ever offered in Comanche at our place on northwest corner of square.

Bud Bishop

CONFECTIONER



Our Merry Christmas Is Best Shown by Our "Worth the Money" Gifts

The Spirit of War Christmas

The spirit of this, America's first War Christmas in over half a century, demands that nothing be wasted. But the spirit of conservation need in no way detract from the gayety of the Holiday Season. You can give and know all the joy of giving, and yet make your gifts sensible and useful presents that detract none from Christmas pleasures and yet are in no way wasteful.

Our Christmas Wish

That every moment of your Christmas be filled with pleasure, and that the incoming New Year will bring you success immeasurable, and that our pleasant relations of the past year will continue throughout 1918, is our Christmas wish.

The Cash Store
Where a dollar does its duty

Our Big Line of Useful Gifts

Our stock of goods contains any and all the useful articles that will make practical gifts that will bring joy to the receiver and prove a source of satisfaction after the Holidays are sped. Our Dry Goods department especially contains many useful articles in wearing apparel that will please any member of the family.

Hazeldell.

Last Saturday night at 7 o'clock Arthur A. Hughes died at the home of his parents here and was buried at the cemetery Sunday evening. Until a week before he had been in training at Camp Bowie, but after a hard case of

measles he was sent home on sick leave. He then took pneumonia and owing to his weakened condition, the end soon came. Arthur was a young man of many good qualities and his untimely death means a great loss to the community where he was well known and

respected. The bereaved parents, brothers and sisters have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Miss Clara McCrary wts shopping in Comanche Monday.

Misses Lura and Pearl Daniel left Sunday for Dublin where they have accepted positions.

The following young people enjoyed a "candy pull" at the home of Mrs. H. L. Hartson last Saturday night: Misses Addie Samples of Macksville, Lura and Pearl Daniel, Clara McCrary and Nell and Effie Hartson, Messrs. Roy Applewhite of Gustine, Douglas Stevens, Madison McCrary, Jack Daniel, Harry Lee and Dan and Hill Hartson.

Harry Lee, the 12 year old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McCrary who has made his home with them for the past five years, left Monday for Santa Fe, N. M. where he will join his father and brother, Robt. B. and Francis Lee. Madison McCrary accompanied him to Fort Worth.

Douglas Stevens spent Saturday and Sunday visiting his uncle, J. T. Daniel.

J. L. Perdue left Friday for the sanitarium for treatment.

Miss Lola Johnson, Messrs. Horace and Edwin Applewhite and Duke of Gustine attended the funeral of Arthur Hughes Sunday.

Mrs. John Guyer of Dickens county came in Sunday night, having been called at the death of her brother, Arthur Hughes.

Mrs. Joe Morris visited Mrs. Bud Morris of Lamkin Sunday.

In last week's issue of the Chief-Exponent D. G. Pierce was reported with several others as being a deserter, for not reporting to the exemption board when called for examination. We wish to correct this for Mr. Pierce is not a deserter. Before being called by the board he volunteered and now belongs to 5th Co., Fort Crockett, Texas. He lived in our community before joining and we do not wish one of our boys recorded a deserter.

Mr. J. L. Perdue went to Gustine Wednesday to visit friends.

A pie supper was given at the school house Friday night. The proceeds, eight dollars, were used to purchase a basket ball and triangle.

Mrs. Lela Hamilton of Stephenville is visiting her father, Sam Wall, of this place.

If you have a bad taste in your mouth, if your tongue is coated, and you have spells of dizziness, the trouble is in your stomach, liver and bowels; they are clogged with bilious impurities. Prickly Ash Bitters clears out the obstructions and restores healthy conditions. Price \$1.25 per bottle. The Wm. Reese Co., Special Agents.

See the Art Gibson display of Christmas Cards, Booklets and Christmas Letters at The Wm. Reese Co.

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The good old home-made kind of pure Ribbon Cane Syrup. We have it in barrels. Bring your jug to The Cash Store.

For good lump coal at \$6.50 per ton phone J. C. Henderson at The Chief-Exponent Office, phone No. 2.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chili TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children, 50c.

A VOICE FROM THE TRENCHES (Christmas, 1917)

"Peace on earth, good will to men!
No fairer words of tongue or pen,
No words of deeper, truer worth
Have ever thrilled a listening earth
And day or night
For them I fight,
In tears or laughter, woe or mirth

I strive with all the heart o' me
That everywhere sweet Peace may
be,
And e'en the Hell of War I dare
That little children everywhere
May run their way,
Blithe-hearted, gay,
Beneath her smile and fostering
care.

That every land, sea, dale or hill
May bask in suns of man's Good
Will,
I brave the fields of strife, elate
To slay the legions black of Hate,
And bring again

Love's golden reign
In realms laid waste and desolate.

That coming days more blest than
mine
May taste the boon of Peace di-
vine
And unto Love restore her might,
I face what must be unaf-
fright,
And to her call
Life, fortune, all
I give, and deem my burden light!
—Ex.

Coveted by All

but possessed by few—a beautiful head of hair. If yours is streaked with gray, or is harsh and stiff, you can restore it to its former beauty and lustre by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing. Price \$1.00.

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Will remain open each week day until Christmas until 7 o'clock p. m., and will be open one hour in the morning from 9 to 10 and one hour in the afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 on Sunday and on Christmas day for the delivery of parcels.
J. M. Rieger,
Acting Postmaster.

Wheezing in the lungs indicate that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. BALLARD'S HORE-HOUND SYRUP loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by S. P. Smith.

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Semi-Weekly Dallas News	\$1.00	
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on Farm & Ranch (2 years)	\$1.00	
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Farm & Ranch (2 years)	\$1.00	
Holland's Magazine (2 years)	\$1.00	\$3.25
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The Chief-Exponent	\$1.00	BOTH
Semi-Weekly Record	\$2.00	
Regular value	\$3.00	\$2.50

The Chief-Exponent	\$1.00	BOTH
Fort Worth Record, Daily	\$5.65	
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The Star Telegram or Fort Worth Record, daily without Sunday	\$4.25	
Regular value	\$5.25	\$4.75

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"The Paper Your Neighbor Reads"

Happy Holidays Everybody!
And thanks for Remembering Us this year.

WE invite you to visit us while doing your Holiday shopping. Some seasonable suggestions for useful gifts from our stock will be found below:

- Ladies' Handkerchiefs—in plain and embroidered, linen and crepe de chine.
- Ladies' Purses.
- Ladies' Collars and Ties.
- Ties for Men.
- Men's Suits.
- Boys' Suits.
- Men's Sweaters.
- Caps for Boys and Men.
- Hosiery for Ladies and for Men.
- Ladies' and Children's Jackets.
- Blankets in varied prices.



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PERSONAL MENTION

Travis Owen of Fort Worth was here Tuesday.

M. Coleman was a Brownwood visitor Sunday.

Roger Hasley visited in South Texas last week.

R. E. Hare returned from Bauxite, Ark., Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dudley motored to Waco this week.

Jim Haynes of De Leon was a Comanche visitor Saturday.

Geo. Harris of Brownwood was a Comanche visitor Sunday.

Frank Young and wife returned from Fort Worth this week.

W. G. Bolding was a business visitor in Comanche Wednesday.

P. W. McDonald was a business visitor in Brownwood Saturday.

W. D. Carroll of Fort Worth was a Comanche visitor this week.

John McGee returned from East Texas where he has been at work.

W. D. Lane of A. & M. came in Wednesday to spend the holidays.

J. B. Chilton Jr. of Dallas came in Thursday to spend the holidays.

Rev. John Power of Brownwood filled his regular pulpit here Sunday.

Robert Ratliff of Brownwood was here Sunday visiting his parents.

Dr. O. H. Davenport of Hasse was a Comanche visitor Saturday.

Wm. Harvey returned from Dallas Wednesday to spend the holidays.

E. Ward came in Monday from Fort Worth where he has been at work.

Ed Burns came in from Fort Worth Monday for a visit with friends.

Dawson Masters who has been attending school in Dallas came in Friday.

Mart Douglas of Fort Worth came in Monday for a visit with relatives.

Victor Thodberg of New York came in Thursday to spend the holidays.

Chas. Halcomb came in Thursday to spend the holidays with his family here.

Carl Thomas of Dallas was in Comanche Sunday visiting his brother, Walter.

Miss Eva Bowden has returned to Brownwood after a visit with

friends here.

Herbert Butler has returned from Gifford Ark. where he has been at work.

Wm. Chilton came in Wednesday from Austin where he has been attending school.

C. L. Granger returned last week from Fort Worth where he has been at work.

Dr. Chas. McCollum came in Thursday from Dallas where he has been in school.

Mrs. M. B. Barcroft of Cleburne came in Friday to visit her mother Mrs. Henry Carter.

W. C. Odom is ill with pneumonia this week. As we go to press he is much improved.

Miss Camille Switzer of Dallas came in Monday for a brief visit with her parents.

H. C. Bradshaw came in Monday from Louisiana where he has been selling mules.

Mrs. Casey of Fort Worth is visiting her daughter Mrs. O. C. Thrasher this week.

Mrs. J. B. Tunnell leaves Saturday for Denton to visit her daughter Mrs. R. E. Drake.

Odell Atwood came in Saturday from Camp Travis where he is in the National Army.

James Dallas Slack of Camp Travis came in Thursday for a brief visit with friends.

Edward Holman came in from Staunton Va. where he has been attending school, Friday.

J. M. McCrary came in Thursday from Malvern, Ark., where he has been visiting relatives.

Miss Zora Purl returned to Brownwood Tuesday after visiting Miss Bertha McCulley.

Mrs. Edna Bay returned Monday from Tyler, Texas, where she has been attending school.

Mrs. Willis Johnson of San Angelo returned home Sunday after a visit with relatives here.

W. E. Werner came in Saturday from Thorp Springs where he has been visiting his son, Albert.

Mrs. Morris Jones of Antlers Oklahoma is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. E. Chandler this week.

Ray Hoff returned from Dallas Friday where he has been attending Metropolitan Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Taylor of Houston came in Wednesday to visit relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. Chas. Frizier and children returned last week from Galveston where they have been visiting.

Mrs. Paul Perkle and baby of Fort Worth is visiting Misses Maude and Leve Roberson this week.

Edgar Switzer came in Thursday from Detroit, Mich., where he has been for the past several weeks.

Mrs. G. W. Wilson and daughter Mrs. G. P. Callan came in Thurs-

day from Austin to visit Mrs. Wm. Dingus.

Mrs. O. C. Thrasher and children returned Saturday from Fort Worth where she has been visiting her mother.

Henry Heath and family have returned from Fort Worth where they have been for the past several months.

Mrs. Geo. Montgomery returned from Marlin this week where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Horace Chilton.

Elder A. A. Hensler returned Monday from Vernon, Texas, where he has been holding a series of meetings.

Goodson Herring came in Monday from Dallas in order to leave with the increment of men who go to Fort McArthur.

Miss Jennie Blue Tunnell will leave Saturday for Fort Worth and Denton to be guest of friends and relatives during holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Durham, and Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Durham left Thursday for Camp Travis where they will visit Harvey Durham.

Luauer Webb and wife and W. D. Jenkins and wife returned this week from San Antonio where they have been visiting Merlin Jenkins.

W. J. Cunningham and family are moving to Waco this week. Mr. Cunningham having accepted a position with the Meadows Grocery Co.

Miss Zilpha Allen came in Saturday from Madill, Okla. Miss Allen has accepted the position of head of the millinery department of Monnigs at Fort Worth, which place she will leave to take soon after the first of the year.

CARD OF THANKS

To our many friends who have called on us in connection with Slider & Lacy and given the firm your business.

We will appreciate a continuance of your business with them and assure that we will, either of us, be glad to meet you here at any time, and try to make you feel comfortable while in town.

Wishing you a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, we are

Yours truly,
A. W. Palmer,
Mrs. J. W. Reese.

Cow Feed! Cow Feed!! More Cow Feed at Herring & Moody's. (lts.)

Hasse

The health of the community is very good.

Mr. Robert Rese and wife spent Sunday with Mr. Rese's grandfather Mr. Norwood.

Mr. Tom Lancaster spent Monday night with G. L. Butler and family.

Mr. Baker has sold his home and will move to Arkansas in the near future.

Go to Herring & Moody for all kinds of feed stuff.

A Lesson In Christmas Spirit

It was the day before Christmas last year. All my shopping had been done (or so I thought) when I suddenly remembered hearing my eldest son, a lad of eight years, say, "Oh, I hope Santa will bring me a harmonicon this Christmas," says a writer in the New York Evening Sun.

Of course I could not disregard such a wish, and, although it was raining, I put on my storm coat and rubbers and with umbrella in hand started out for one of our large department stores.

On arriving at the counter where this particular article was displayed I found every one so busy I could not



The Two Boys Looked at Me.

get attention for some time, and while waiting my turn I noticed two sadly neglected looking little boys of about six and eight years respectively standing very close to the counter and looking, oh, so longingly at these same harmonicons, when suddenly one of the young saleswomen turned sharply around and in a loud voice said, "Now, then, if you two boys don't get away from here at once I'll call the floor-walker and have you arrested." At the time this sudden attack was made upon these poor little waifs I was holding in my hands two of these same musical instruments, trying to decide which of the two kinds I would take.

The larger one of the boys looked up at me with a frightened look, as if to say, "Oh, we didn't mean to steal anything," when I said, "Boys, would you each like one of these harmonicons?" They said nothing, but the look of surprise (gratitude they knew nothing of) when I put one in each boy's dirty little hands I shall not forget to my dying day, and before you could say "Jack Robinson" they were out of the store and out of sight. I turned to the young woman, saying, "I will pay for them," when I noticed the tears in her eyes.

When she finally found her voice she said, "Oh, madam, I am so sorry I spoke as I did." "Well, never mind," I said; "you didn't understand. I am the mother of two boys and know what a boy craves." When she handed me my change and package she said, "I shall never forget this day; it has taught me a lesson."

Tuning Up For Christmas.

With a whirl and a swirl and a terrible roar
It blew in at evening from an arctic shore;
Traffic it blocked and the treacherous street
Glitters and twinkles with silvery sleet.

Dolls in armies and soldiers a-plenty
Gifts for kiddies and sweet and twenty,
Gifts for grannies and aunts and dads,
Gifts for using and losing and fads!
Gifts for nurses and chauffeurs and cooks,
Gifts for bookworms, who read all their books!

Gifts for sinners and sneerers and saints,
Tops for spinners and pastels and paints,
Music, mechanical, mirrors or lamps,
Turkeys for orphans and newsboys and tramps.

Gifts that are fluffy and gifts that are grim;
A necklace for Jessie, a scarfpin for Jim.

Full sets of the classics and gleaming gold pieces
Suitable—very—for sweet little nieces.
Calendars, virtuous, witty or wise,
Flowers and bonbons and puddings and pies!

Cynics there be who deride and defy them,
But we, in our dreams, even buy them and tie them!

As ever old winter, with snowdrift and sleet,
Transmutes the whole town into Santa Claus street!

—Elizabeth Newport Hepburn in New York Times.

There's Something
Here for Everyone

At Toyland

This is the Town's Headquarters for Gifts and Playthings. Now is the time to buy.

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HELLO! SANTA CLAUS!
We have Candy, Apples, Oranges, Chewing Gum, Animal Cakes and all things in this line.

DOLLS! DOLLS!!
We have Dolls, toys of all kinds for boys and girls. Glassware, Chinaware of all kinds, Aluminum ware, Ribbons and Laces.

BOOKS! BOOKS!!
Buy toy books as well as good books of all kinds.
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May your Christmas be Merry and full of Pleasure.
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!
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CAL WILLIAMS DEAD.

"Uncle" Cal Williams, well known Comanche citizen for the past twenty years died at his home Tuesday night and was buried Wednesday at Oakwood cemetery at 4 p. m. Rev. Ferguson conducting the services.

J. C. Williams was born at Ashville, N. C., Sept. 24, 1846, and went with his parents to Virginia where he grew to manhood and where he joined the Confederate Army when he became old enough. His army service was all in the army of General Lee in the East.

As a young man Mr. Williams went to Illinois after the war was over and later drifted toward Texas. He was married to Cornelia Bray at Rogersville, Tenn., and to them were born and who survive him the following children: Mrs. Mattie Davis of Comanche, Mrs. Victor Bond of Comanche and Mrs. Jennie Wells of Denton and Wesley Williams who was with his parents at the time of his father's death.

Mr. Williams is also survived by his wife and the following brothers and sisters: John Williams of Comanche, Louis Williams in Kentucky, B. J. Williams of Oklahoma, Noah Williams of Jonesville, Va., and B. Williams of Murphreesboro, Va., and Mrs. Manda Jane Pridemore of Murphreesboro, Va.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For District Attorney—
G. E. JOHNSON
of Hamilton County.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams came Comanche some 25 years ago and have lived here since where they have reared their children.

Mr. Williams joined the Methodist church as a young man and was a member at the time of his death.

He was taken suddenly ill and only lived a few hours after stricken with his fatal illness.

"Uncle" Cal, as his many friends know him was a man of amiable disposition who spread sunshine wherever he went and throughout his whole life was quick to respond to needs or hardships of those whose lives he shaded. He was one "who loved his fellow man" and lived his life as he believed he should according to his opportunities and there is no doubt that the Maker of the Heavens takes cognizance of such lives as they are lived before him. And it is to this fact that we point to the sorrowing wife and children for their comfort in their hour of bitter sadness.

We have just received a full car of Bran and will sell you at the lowest possible price.

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